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HITLER'S CARE FOR HIS SKIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

The "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" reports that extensive precautionary measures were taken to prevent another attempt on Hitler's life when he spoke at the Sport Palast in Berlin.

The German people were advised only a few hours beforehand that Hitler was going to deliver an address, and until the last minute no mention was made of the place where he was to speak.

Ten thousand persons gathered in the Sport Palast; they were all members of the Nazi Party, Storm Troopers, Gestapo and so on, and were taken to the meeting in groups by responsible officials.

GOERING ABSENT

Foreign press correspondents were summoned to the Propaganda Ministry and driven to the hall by officials, without being previously notified where they were going.

During the speech, Hitler was surrounded by Goebbels, Himmler and Ley, but Goering was absent.

Foreign observers noted that the usual branding of Communism gave place to a vague reference to "the Nihilist element."—Havas.

ANOTHER BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

London, To-day.

Another British steamer was sunk yesterday after a concentrated attack by German bombers. The crew were rescued and taken into a Dutch port. The attack occurred close to the Dutch coast.—Reuter.

JAPS. IN RETREAT IN SUIYUAN

Wuyuan, To-day.

Japanese units in Suiyuan which crossed the Yellow River have been defeated by the Chinese at Wulashan and are now in retreat.

Chinese guerilla units have again been active between Kweisui and Pao-tow.—Central News.

CHEN KUNG-PO LEAVES WANG CHANG

Chongking, To-day.

Chen Kung-po, Chinese Minister of Education, has left Wang Chang, Chinese Minister of Education, to take over his duties.

THREE GERMAN DIVISIONS HAVE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS BEEN CONCENTRATED ALONG THE VICINITY OF THE YUGOSLAVIAN FRONTIER, ACCORDING TO THE BELGRADE CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH."

The concentration is seen in Yugoslavia as "subtle" pressure upon the country at the moment of the assembly of the statesmen of the Balkan Entente countries, Rumania, Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia.—Havas.

Bucharest, To-day

Neutrality will almost certainly be the keynote of the Balkan Conference at Belgrade on Friday. The deliberations will be private and no agenda published but it is believed the first step will be statements by Ministers in regard to the position of their countries.

The fact that on the eve of the conference Germany has requested the

LONDON, TO-DAY.

countries of south-eastern Europe to define their attitude in the economic field has added greatly to the importance of the conference, says a Belgrade despatch.

DEMAND FOR REINFORCEMENT

The request has aroused general demand that the Balkan Entente co-operates in the form of a strong economic bloc to reinforce political independence of action in regard to the belligerents.

In Istanbul, M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, before leaving for Belgrade, declared Turkey was not neutral but outside the present war. That did not mean waiting passively upon events but taking all measures necessary to prevent the flames spreading to home. If Turkey was not attacked or compelled by events to implement her engagements she was determined to pursue a policy of peace.—Reuter.

FALSE RETURN TO ASSESSOR

THE CO-OWNERS OF NO. 48, PING STREET, KOWLOON CITY, WHO RECEIVED \$27 MORE RENT THAN WAS ADMITTED IN THEIR RETURN FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES, WERE FINED RESPECTIVELY \$200 AND \$50 BY MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

THEY WERE SUMMONED FOR MAKING A FALSE OR INCORRECT STATEMENT IN FURNISHING CERTAIN PARTICULARS SPECIFIED IN FORM 1 OF THE SCHEDULE OF THE RATING ORDINANCE 1901.

Complainant was Mr. F. Shanks, Assessor.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, while Mr. F. E. Nash represented accused.

It was alleged that accused charged the tenant \$72 rent per month instead of the \$45 rate, which was submitted to the Government.

Accused received a total of \$316 when the tenant first moved into the house. The \$316 was classified as \$72 one month's pre-paid rent, \$72 deposit and \$72 key money.

Au Young Took-chuan, giving evidence, denied knowledge of the \$316 and stated that the accused, Tang Kin-sun, had paid him \$316. He said he submitted the sum of \$316 to Government and that he had received \$72 from the accused.

Mr. Abbott said that the accused had paid him \$316 and that he had received \$72 from the accused.

MUD SLINGING BATTLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

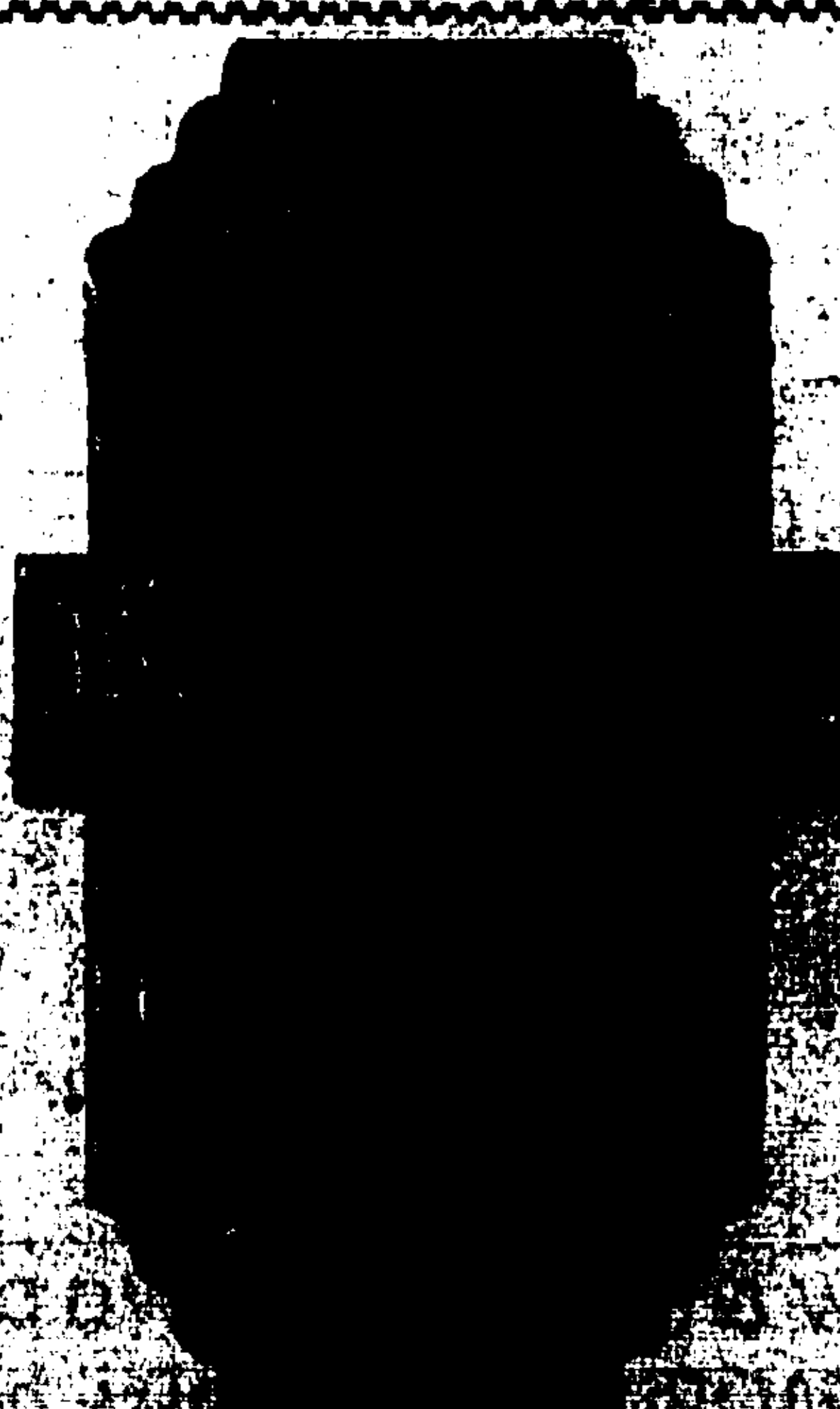
Rome, To-day.

Russo-Italian press polemics gathered momentum yesterday as the "Telegrapho," Count Ciano's newspaper, answered "Pravda's" insults to the Italian army.

"Why should we pay any attention to 'Pravda's' insults when our volunteers so often defeated the Russians in Spain?" the journal asks.

"Russians such as those writing in 'Pravda' should not be taken seriously because they are not men as we are."

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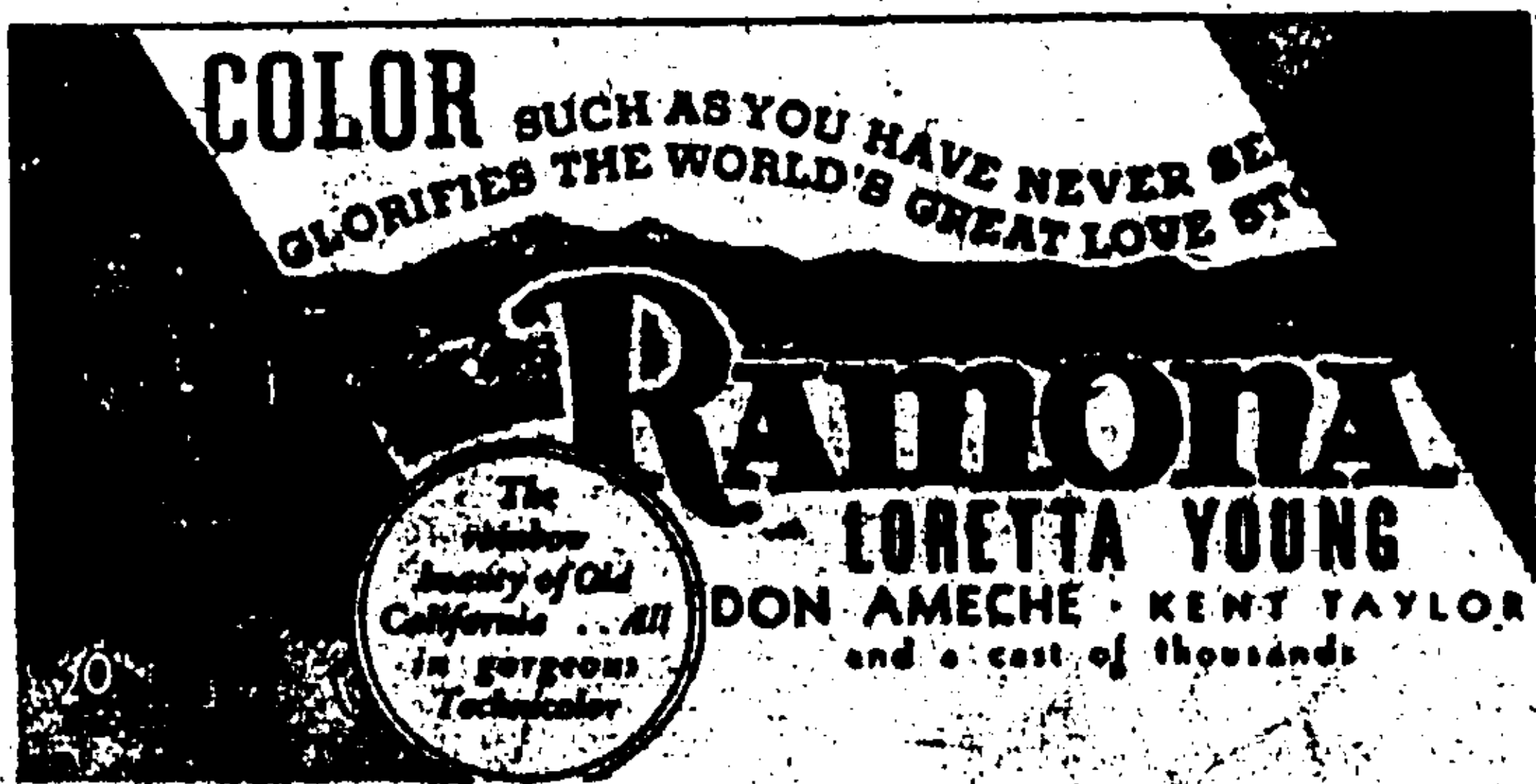
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WESTMINSTER BANK MEETING

BOOST IN FOREIGN TRADE PREDICTED

London, To-day.

MR. RUPERT BECKETT, presiding at the annual meeting of the Westminster Bank yesterday, said he anticipated an increase in bank deposits as the outcome of the increased Government expenditure.

With Government firmly controlling finance and avenues of investment, however, he did not consider that such a rapid rise in deposits would occur as in the last war.

Greater opportunities for the employment of funds appeared to be in prospect, not only as the result of the speeding up of wartime machinery but also as the outcome of increased overseas trade.

From a great part of the Western world, Germany was virtually ruled out as a trader, and although important neutral countries had more time to exploit the opportunities, Mr. Beckett had high hopes that we should succeed in winning further trade.

EMPLOYMENT OF FUNDS

Relating this development to the banking sphere, it should mean greater employment of funds in advances to finance these operations.

In the wider sphere of our national finances we could hold complete confidence provided our resources were preserved from waste and the maximum savings of the community made available for the national effort. — Reuter.

CONTRABAND CONTROL

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare states that there were 29 neutral ships in United Kingdom contraband control bases on Tuesday, of which 18 had been there five days or less.

During last week the cargoes of 107 ships arriving since January 20 and 31 outstanding cargoes were considered.

In 84 cases the entire cargoes were released.

Sixty-four ships were dealt with under the system of considering ship's papers before the arrival of vessels, and in 61 cases the ships concerned were released after formal checking of the papers.

Cargoes examined included those of 41 Dutch, 25 Norwegian, 21 Italian, eight Belgian, seven Greek, seven Swedish and five United States ships. — Reuter.

HONG KONG'S SECOND DONATION

The second donation of £10,000 is being sent to England to the Offices of the British Red Cross Society and St. John's War Organisation Fund. Of this sum the following amounts have been earmarked for special purposes:—

£122-15-3 from the St. Andrew's Society for Scottish Units.

£52-19-10 from The Royal Artillery (Hong Kong Regt) for Royal Artillery Units.

£11-16-9 from Kowloon Docks Recreation Club for St. Dunstan's Home.

The American Women's Working Party gave a successful Bridge and Mahjong on 26th January, at the American Club. One hundred and fifty ladies were present. Lady Northcote kindly presented the prizes which were won by Mmes Morgan, Telfer, and Turnbull for bridge, and Mmes Li Shui Pan, Walken and Sinclair for Mahjong. Miss Wright received a prize for the hidden number. Thanks to the generosity of the American Club, which provided tea, and of various ladies who gave prizes and cakes, there were no expenses, and a cheque for \$610.00 has been sent to the British War Organisation Fund.

GERMAN PLANE FIRED ON FROM COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen, To-day.

Danish anti-aircraft batteries opened fire on a German plane three miles from Copenhagen. — Reuter.

BRITISH STOPPAGE OF TOBACCO

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO OBTAIN MODIFICATION OF THE BRITISH POLICY OF STOPPING IMPORTS OF AMERICAN TOBACCO.

Mr. Hull was replying to a letter of protest at the stoppage from the Danville (Va) Chamber of Commerce.

He added that the problems confronting American growers as a result of the suspension was "naturally a matter of serious concern." — Reuter.

BRAZIL TAKES OVER NAZI LINE

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

A RIO DE JANEIRO DISPATCH TO THE "NEW YORK TIMES" SAYS THAT BRAZIL HAS TAKEN OVER THE CONDOR GERMAN AIR LINE. President Vargas has signed a decree ordering the concern to immediately "adapt itself" to the Article in the Brazilian Constitution providing the management to be placed in the hands of Brazilians.

The line has also been ordered to comply with the decree issued in 1938 regarding personnel.

This is believed to mean that the special concession by which the line is authorised to maintain Germans, and former German subjects, now naturalised Brazilians, as pilots, is now withdrawn. — Reuter.

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BRITAIN'S HUGE ORGANISATION FOR WAR

London, To-day.

CATALOGUING THE achievements of the Government in organising the nation for war, the Prime Minister said yesterday that at home since the war began the output of guns of all kinds had doubled and in some cases increased eightfold. Output of shells had also doubled since the war began and was now ten times as great as after the first five months of the last war.

After referring to the expansion of overseas trade and agriculture at which the Government was aiming, the Premier commented on the impressive figures he had recited as follows:

"You will see from what I have said that we are using the services of millions of men and women, we are taking steps to control tens of millions of tons of materials and we are spending hundreds of millions in money.

"In future we expect to make still greater efforts and yet there is not a single non-belligerent country which feels it is threatened by this enormous accumulation of power. There is not one that feels its independence is in danger at our hands. There is not one which suspects us of coveting a square inch of its territory."

The Allies' war aims, the Premier declared, were well-known, but "one thing I think is becoming clearer every day, not from anything we say but from the actions of the Germans themselves.

FIGHTING FOR ALL

"That is that we are fighting not only for ourselves but for every country which is oppressed by the fear that some day they may find themselves in the position which has been successively occupied by Czecho-Slovakia, Poland and now by Finland."

He went on to disclaim any intention to interfere with the independent judgment of neutrals, adding only this provision:

"We may and do ask them, whether they be small and weak or great and powerful, to consider that though in exercise of undisputed belligerent rights we have to take action which causes inconvenience or even loss, at any rate we have never sunk a neutral ship, we have never wittingly sacrificed a single neutral life.

NAZI MENACE

"On the other hand the enemy threatens the existence of states which

are too small, too weak or too near to defy them, and they continue to show the most complete and most callous indifference not merely to neutrals' interests but to the ordinary dictates of common humanity."

The Prime Minister was led by these considerations to examine the question of disturbance of neutral trade and to reaffirm the British desire to see after the war the restoration of a freer exchange of goods and services between nations.

Britain was not indifferent to neutral losses nor did she intend to use measures taken in prosecution of the war for purposes of unfair trade advantage in peace.—British Wireless.

JAP-SOVIET TALKS BREAKDOWN

Shanghai, To-day.

It is reported here that the Soviet-Japanese Border Commission talks on the question of demarcating the Soviet-Manchukuoan border have been suddenly disrupted.

At the last meeting of the Commission, the Russian and Japanese delegates produced different maps setting out the boundaries which were hopelessly at variance. — Our Own Correspondent.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has again decreased slightly in intensity and is moving slowly north-eastward; it continues to cover China, Japan and the neighbouring seas.

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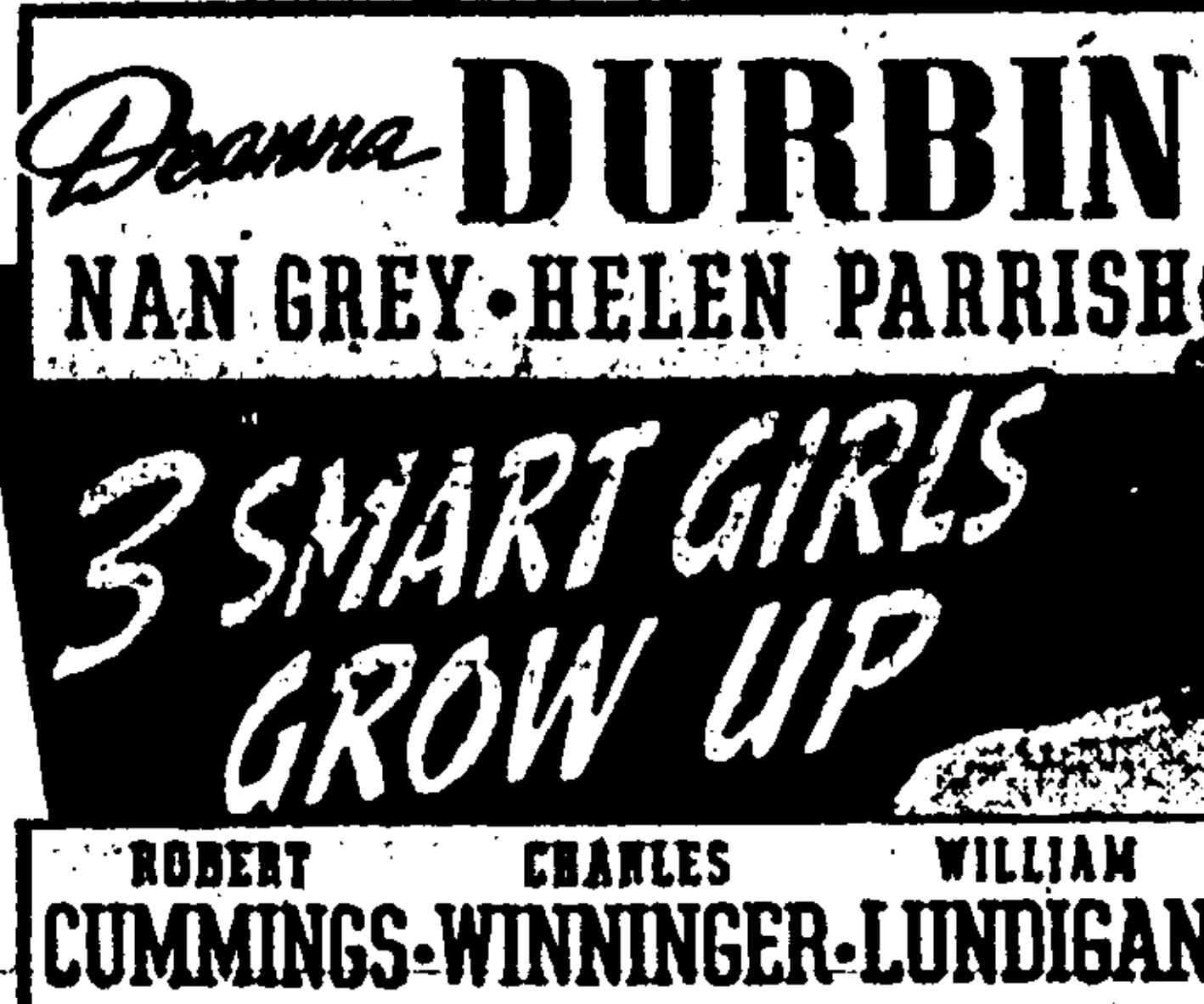
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JAPAN'S MOTIVES

New Campaign Predicted By Chungking Paper

INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT "UNDER FIRE"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

THE NEWSPAPER, "Hankow Herald," in an editorial, says that Japan is obviously preparing a new campaign against foreigners as is evidenced by the recent events, namely, the reinforcement of the Tientsin blockade, agitation over the Asama Maru incident, and the campaign aiming to secure a supplementary seat in the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The paper is of the opinion that the final aim of this campaign is the seizure of Shanghai's Settlement and Concession.

Japan is also endeavouring to hinder Anglo-American co-operation and the meeting of Japanese diplomats in Budapest will probably aim at reviving the Anti-Comintern Pact, and make it so advantageous to Japan, that it will give her a free hand in the Far East while Germany and Italy keep British attention in Europe.—Havas.

WINGSANG PROTEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The local British Naval Authorities have made representations to the Japanese Naval authorities regarding the recent boarding of the Jardine steamer Wingsang off Foochow last Wednesday when a Japanese destroyer detained her for 15 hours without reason.

Representations were taken by the British Naval authorities to the Japanese flagship, Idzumo yesterday morning and handed over to Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese China Fleet.—Havas.

Cheng Sau-ping, a married woman, residing in Johnston Road, while travelling in a tram near the Macao wharf yesterday, was robbed of \$377 in local currency and a gold watch valued at \$50.

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GERMANY STRENGTHENS DEFENCES

Berlin, To-day.

It was announced yesterday that the German Navy recently strengthened submarine defences in the Heligoland Bight by increases of submarine-fighting vessels and other defence means.—Reuter.

FOODSTUFF SHORTAGE IN TIENTSIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TIENTSIN, TO-DAY.

THE SHORTAGE OF FOODSTUFFS HERE CONTINUES, PARTICULARLY IN THE BRITISH CONCESSION WHERE THE PRICE OF BEEF, PORK, MUTTON, POULTRY AND VEGETABLES HAS INCREASED BY ALMOST 100 PER CENT. SINCE LAST WEEK.

Japanese sentries at the International Bridge barrier yesterday searched the luggage of foreign passengers going into the Concession from the railway station.

The British Consul is contacting the Japanese authorities to discuss the food situation but is not protesting against the live wires.

The American Consul has protested on several occasions when American citizens were not permitted to carry food across the barriers.—Havas.

RESCUED BY OFFICER

In connection with the Kowloon reservoir mishap reported in Page Five, it is learned that Mrs. Sui was trying to turn her car when the accident occurred, her Morris sliding over the embankment in the water, until completely submerged.

Fortunately, a few minutes later, Captain MacRae and Major Macintosh-Walker, of the Royal Scots, driving by, noticed that a crowd had collected and Captain MacRae pulled Mrs. Sui, who had floated clear of the car but was unconscious, from the water.

With the assistance of Dr. Durran, artificial respiration was applied, and the victim revived shortly after admission to hospital.

NEW DIESEL ENGINE FOR AIRCRAFT

Washington, To-day.

American aeronautical engineers are reported to have perfected a new Diesel engine for aeroplanes which, for its weight, is ten per cent. more powerful than petrol-driven engines.—Reuter.

No. 22, Hillwood Road was entered yesterday and jewellery to the value of \$215 stolen.

MOSCOW ATTACK ON TURKISH PRESS

Moscow, To-day.

The Trade Union organ, Trud, made an attack on the Turkish press and accuses it of publishing, without evidence, anti-Soviet news such as reports of Finnish successes and for reacting "with unconcealed enthusiasm to Mr. Churchill's threats against neutrals."—Reuter.

BRITAIN AND THE "WANG PEACE AGREEMENT"

London, To-day.

MR. ROBERT MORGAN (Cons. Stourbridge) asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether the Prime Minister's attention had been called to the peace terms offered by Japan to the Chinese puppet government and whether the Foreign Office had received any information on the subject from either of the British Ambassadors in the Far East.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said the British Ambassador in China had called attention to an agreement purporting to have been signed by Wang Ching-wei and the Japanese authorities on Dec. 30.

The text was being forwarded by air mail.

As published in the Shanghai Chinese press the documents bore neither signature nor date, and might therefore be preliminary exchanges of views.

The spokesman of Wang had described them as "demands submitted by the Japanese," and had denied that any agreement had been signed with the Japanese.—Reuter.

RECRUITING IN NEW ZEALAND

Wellington, To-day.

The call for recruits from the forestry and logging industries for service overseas has met with a splendid response.—Reuter.

SENATE TO BATTLE ON TREATY

Washington, To-day.

As soon as Congress has settled the question of a loan to Finland it will be faced with the problem of United States-Japanese relations.

Discussion will centre round the resolution of Senator Key Pittman giving the President powers to impose an embargo.

Before action is taken it is likely that Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, will be asked to appear before the Senate foreign relations committee and give his views.

LEGAL GROUND

The press is of opinion that the "China Incident" provides legal grounds for tariff action, since there has been unquestionable discrimination against American trade in China.

In the meantime, it is reported that the moral embargo continues to operate.

Latest reports state that a Japanese attempt to buy American apparatus and processes for manufacturing aeroplanes and petrol was frustrated by official action.—Reuter.

BRITAIN ADHERES TO NINE-POWER TREATY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. ROBERT MORGAN (Cons. STOURBRIDGE) ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHETHER THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, IN VIEW OF THE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE CHINESE PUPPET GOVERNMENT, STILL ADHERES TO THE TERMS OF THE WASHINGTON TREATY.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that in their Note of January 14, 1939, to the Japanese Government, His Majesty's Government made it clear that they intended to adhere to the principles of the Nine-Power Treaty, and this remained their attitude.—Reuter.

CREW SAILS FOR U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

FIFTY-SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE PRESIDENT QUEZON, INCLUDING THE CHIEF ENGINEER, LEFT YOKOHAMA AT 4 P.M. YESTERDAY FOR THE UNITED STATES BY THE HEIAN MARU.

They belong to the party rescued and brought to Kobe by the Ukishima Maru and arrived at Yokohama by train late on Tuesday night.

The remaining 65 members of the crew left Kobe yesterday morning on board the President Cleveland for the Philippines.—Havas.

NAZIS TAKE PRIDE IN MURDER RAIDS ON MERCHANTMEN

London, To-day.

IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT Nazi claims to have sunk seven armed British merchantmen in Tuesday's raids are entirely false.

No armed merchantmen or patrol vessels were sunk or destroyed. One or two defenceless ships and fishing smacks were the victims of the raiders, who dropped 20 bombs. The R.A.F. shot one raider down off the Northumberland coast and put the rear gun of another out of action off the Firth of Forth.

The most vivid account of the day comes from the Nazis themselves. Several Berlin newspapers yesterday gave, with a great air of pride the story of how German aircraft bombed and machine-gunned merchant vessels.

The story is told by one of the Germans taking part in the raids. As his plane banked to the left, he said, "machine-gun bullets whistled over the Englishman's bow."

DIRECT HIT

The men on deck ran to the bridge, seemingly asking permission to abandon ship, but the skipper "remained obdurate."

The first bomb whistled into the sea almost at the ship's stern. As the plane came over the second time, doom overtook the ship. A 500-lb. bomb hit the ship, covering the deck with wreckage.

The bridge was torn away and a number of men were flung into the sea. The airmen saw about 10 floundering in the sea, seemingly afraid of being sucked down by the ship as she sank.

BOILERS BURST

Fire from the burst boilers swept the decks, driving before them four men who were trying to launch two of the lifeboats. The ship was helpless, wallowed for a few moments, and then sank.

The Nazi newspapers do not say what became of the defenceless seamen. — Reuter.

FOUR VESSELS SUNK

London, Later.

With reference to the German claim to have successfully bombed one French and four British steamers off the East Coast on Tuesday, Reuter learns that confirmation has been received of the sinking of four vessels but there is no confirmation of the sinking of the steamer, "Rumgeni," mentioned in the German communique.

This ship had one mast missing but otherwise appeared little the worse when she arrived in an English port. — Reuter.

CANADA'S WAR EFFORT

Ottawa, To-day.

As evidence of Canada's increasing pace in the war effort, it is announced that the Canadian War Supply Board last week placed orders totalling \$15,500,000—the largest orders placed in any week since the beginning of the war.

The purchases marked the start of Canada's shipbuilding programme with \$13,000,000 for anti-submarine vessels. It is learned that a large proportion of the shipbuilding contracts will be awarded to the British Government.

A million dollars will be paid to the British Air Ministry for aircraft supplies and \$250,000 to the Admiralty for munitions. — Reuter.

FINLAND TO TAKE PART IN N.Y. WORLD FAIR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Finland will participate in the New York World Fair which will re-open in the spring. — Havas.

RANGOON PEACE PROCESSION

Rangoon, To-day.

The tension between Hindus and Moslems in Rangoon ended yesterday when leaders of the two communities took part in a "Peace Procession."

From the beginning, the trouble has had nothing to do with the Burmese, and started during a Hindu procession on the occasion of the Indian National Congress' celebration of "Independence Day." — Reuter.

ADMIRALTY TAKES OVER ALL SHIP BUILDING

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON MR. CHAMBERLAIN ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED THAT FROM TO-DAY ALL MERCHANTSHIP BUILDING AND REPAIRS WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY THE ADMIRALTY.

He explained that this arrangement was similar to that in the latter part of the last war.

Sir James Lithgow, the shipping magnate, has been appointed to the Admiralty as Controller of Merchant-ship Building.

Sir Amos Ayre (adds Reuter) is appointed Director of Merchant Ship-ping and Repairs.

The Prime Minister stated that the question of finance would be the responsibility of the Admiralty, and the ships, when built, would be the property of the Government.

He understood that Sir James Lithgow was not accepting a salary. — Reuter.

WOMAN DRIVES INTO RESERVOIR

A young Chinese married woman, driving a car in the Taipo Road last evening, for some reason not yet explained, charged the embankment, the car leaping into the Kowloon Reservoir near the six-mile stone.

The woman, Siu Pui-fong, 23, residing in Argyle Street, was rescued and taken to hospital suffering from shock. The car is still in the reservoir.

The incident occurred at about 6 p.m.

POLISH DISTRESS

London, To-day.

The Supplementary Civil Estimate for £298,000 issued yesterday includes £100,000 for the relief of distress among Polish refugees in neutral countries and £133,000 for earthquake relief in Turkey. — Reuter.

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TIRADE OF WHINES AND THREATS

London, To-day.

Hitler's speech on Tuesday night has aroused little interest in the world press.

The speech was the usual tirade against the Treaty of Versailles, democracy and Mr. Chamberlain, and semi-official circles in London note that in the middle of Hitler's blustering he enumerated the many steps taken since his coming into power regarding the rape of Austria and the Sudetenland but that he made no reference to the seizure of Czechoslovakia or the attack on Poland.

His reference to "that atheist Stalin" is also considered somewhat odd, in view of the circumstances.

Both Hitler and Goebbels, who introduced him, made several references to broadcasts from Britain and France, claiming that no one in Germany listened to them—but nevertheless, it is pointed out in England, Hitler and Goebbels then proceeded to try and discredit these reports which no one listened to.

HITLER FOLLY

The fact that Hitler attacked both Britain and France shows that at last he seems to have learned the folly of trying to separate the Allies.

Typical of the comment of the British press is that of "The Times," which says that Hitler's tirade of whines and threats is interesting only as an example of the systematic mendacity on which German morale is apparently built. — Reuter.

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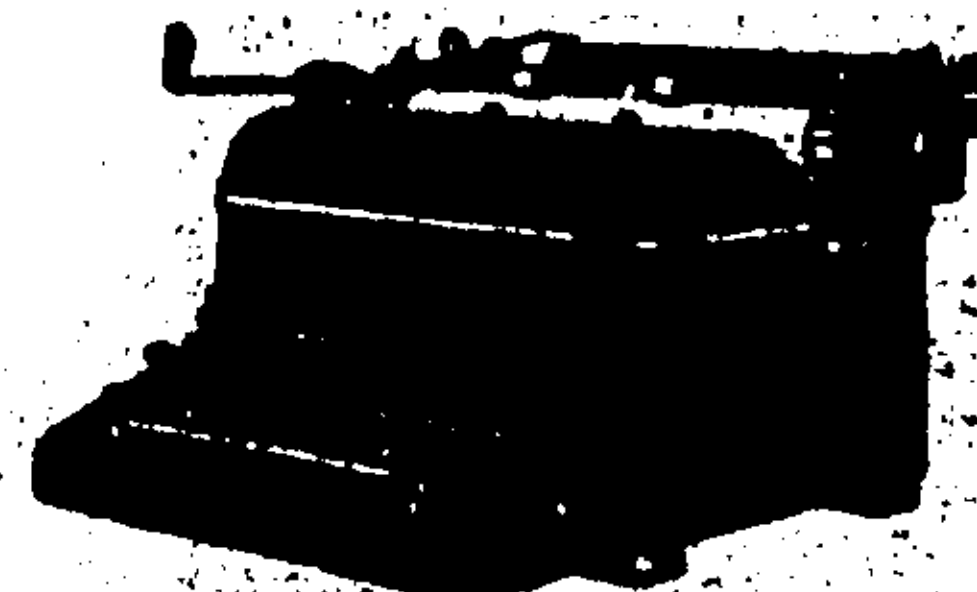
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Mr. Chamberlain And "Asama Maru" Incident

Legal Issues Not The Strongest Influence In Life Of Nations

London, To-day.

SPEAKING AT THE Dorchester Hotel yesterday, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, made a reference to the Royal Navy's capture of Germans on board the Asama Maru.

He said: "You have no doubt read of the incident between us and the neutral and friendly Government of Japan.

"No doubt strict interpretation of international law is a matter on which our respective governments may take different views, but I am not concerned this afternoon with international law because after all these legal issues are not the strongest influence in the life of nations or the hearts of men.

"Indeed, nothing would distress us more than that there should be in the minds of the Japanese people and the Japanese Government any idea that we had deliberately or intentionally exercised our belligerent rights as we see them with want of courtesy or want of consideration to the Japanese nation.

"We are bound to take all measures open to us to frustrate the machinations of a powerful and utterly unscrupulous enemy, but certainly the last thing we want to do is to affront the self-respect of a friendly nation with whom we want to live in peace."

WAR EFFORT

Mr. Chamberlain said that sometimes, if one were to read only the debates in the House of Commons and some of the more sensational columns in the press, it might be supposed that the Government was making very little effort to win the war and, indeed, had few ideas upon the subject, except what was supplied to them by the ceaseless vigilance of the Opposition and the unfailing ingenuity of patriotic journalists.

"No Government in a democratic country can expect to escape criticism, but I do think it would be unfortunate if the public were led into a mood of gloom or depression, because facts do show not only that prodigious efforts have been made but prodigious results have been achieved," remarked the Premier.

THE ARMY

Discussing the Army, Mr. Chamberlain said: "At the present time at home, in France and in India, and in other stations overseas and upon our vital links of imperial communications we have upwards of one-and-a-quarter million men under arms.

"Those troops in those overseas stations, standing ready and prepared for their duties enables us here at home, without fear of interruption, to proceed with the expansion of our equipment and our striking force.

"We have now the first contingent of the British Expeditionary Force in France and already we have sent over to France, for their sustenance, many thousands of motor transport vehicles and nearly half-a-million tons of munitions and stores.

THE NAVY

"Now the Navy is to-day, as it has always been in our history, the first line of defence of these islands and that great empire which was built up by the toll and enterprise of our forefathers.

"If you ask me what is the battle-front of the Navy I should say it is wherever British ships sail the oceans which cover two-thirds of the earth's surface.

"To give you an idea of the demand

upon them I may tell you that since the outbreak of the war one of our battleships covered well over 34,000 miles. On the first 120 days of the war one of our cruisers was at sea for 120 days; one of our destroyers for 103.

CONTROL'S SUCCESS

"From the north of Scotland to the coast of Greenland, that space which the Government raider has to pass to reach the Atlantic or German merchantmen have to penetrate in order to carry cargoes to their home port, is a thousand miles long and in winter visibility by day isn't more than a mile. Yet that space is being densely controlled by the British Navy with increasing success."

NAVY'S MANIFOLD ACTIVITIES

During the very time Commodore Harwood was fighting his historic action in the South Atlantic, H.M.S. Salmon had torpedoed a cruiser in the North Sea.

"At the same moment the Royal Navy was conveying Canadian troops across the Atlantic, and yet other troops came from Bombay through the Mediterranean.

"One of the most audacious of the many audacious assertions of the German Propaganda Ministry is that they had taken from us the command of the seas.

"It is true they are using their air force to make attacks upon undefended trawlers, fishermen and light vessels, and although they make haste to return home as soon as fire is opened on them by anti-aircraft guns or by one of our fighter aircraft, they do take a certain toll of ships and lives.

"We must pay a tribute to the magnificent courage of those fishermen and merchant seamen who carry out their duties undismayed by these cowardly attacks.

U-BOAT SUNK

"It still remains true that the power of the Royal Navy is not only able to protect convoys with such success but they are increasingly being made use of by neutrals, and they are also able to exercise unhindered by the German armed forces the tremendous powerful weapon of contraband control.

"The first attack upon a convey made by a U-boat for a long time resulted on Tuesday in the destruction of the U-boat by the combined efforts of the naval and air forces which were escorting the convey.

"Last the Propaganda Ministry in Germany attempt to deny the statement just made. I may inform you that, very differently from their practice, we saved the lives of the majority of the crew." — Reuter.

MR. ARITA ON 'ASAMA' AFFAIR

Tokyo, To-day.

Referring in the Diet yesterday to Anglo-Japanese relations, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, said it was regrettable that a British warship searched the Asama Maru and took off 21 German passengers.

"The fact that such an unprecedented incident should have occurred in our waters is profoundly regrettable for our Government as well as for the whole nation."

Negotiations were at present proceeding with the British authorities, and they were doing all they could to secure a satisfactory agreement.

Mr. Arita added that although some people suspected that Japan intended to eliminate the rights and interests of third powers in China, the Japanese Government had repeatedly stated that they did not desire this elimination.

Mr. Arita said that the policy of defence against the Comintern remained unchanged.

"We will continue close relationship with all Powers who are signatories to the Anti-Comintern Pact."

THIRD POWER RIGHTS

Referring to the American abrogation of the treaty of commerce and friendship with Japan, Mr. Arita said Japan took all measures possible to protect the rights and interests of third powers, and was trying to consider fairly all cases of damage suffered by citizens of third powers as the result of military operations.

THE WAR IN EUROPE

Mr. Arita said that Japan did not dispute that the United States had certain rights in the Far East, but in the new situation, Japan had the right to ask the cooperation of the Powers in establishing the new order in East Asia.

He said that the war in Europe would not be allowed to influence the situation in the Far East.—Reuter.

MR. HULL ON PREMIER'S SPEECH

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, COMMENTING ON MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH, EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THERE WOULD BE UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF A LIBERAL TRADE POLICY IN THE NOT-DISTANT FUTURE.

The nations, he thought, would turn to some specific programme like the United States reciprocal trade programme.

Mr. Hull added that the primary purpose of reciprocal trade arrangements is to keep important nations from being swept into economic totalitarianism.—Reuter.

RAILWAYS GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

London, To-day.
Punctuality has now been achieved on most railways throughout the country, which were disorganised by the Arctic weather conditions.
With a few exceptions it is expected that normal running of trains will be resumed to-day.—Reuter.

HITLER FEARS ATTEMPT ON LIFE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Berne, To-day.

Most drastic measures of precaution were taken at the Sport Palast before Hitler's speech, the authorities probably fearing another attempt on Hitler's life similar to the Munich affair.

The announcement that Hitler was going to make a speech was issued on Tuesday shortly before he was due to speak, and until the last minute the place was kept a secret.

The audience was strictly controlled and comprised mainly National Socialist veterans and members of other Nazi organizations.

Foreign correspondents were summoned to the Ministry of Propaganda whence they were accompanied to the Sport Palast without being informed beforehand of Hitler's speech.

General Goering was absent.—Havas.

LEAVE FOR 'AJAX' CREW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, To-day.

The cruiser "Ajax" which participated in the battle with the "Graf Spee" arrived at Plymouth yesterday.

The Admiralty wired her "We are glad to welcome the "Ajax" home and congratulate you on your safe return after two years' service abroad culminating in a memorable action against the enemy. We hope you will soon enjoy a well-earned leave"—Havas.

Reuter adds that Ajax was given a tremendous welcome, spectators lining the shore five and six deep and cheering so loudly that music played on deck by the ship's band was completely drowned. Many Union Jacks fluttered on the sea front.

NEW RADIO STATION

Chungking, To-day.

Described as the most powerful broadcasting station in the Orient, the "International Broadcasting Station," which has been under construction for the past several months, is now completed.

Located "somewhere in free China," the station commences to broadcast to-day for 24 hours a day, the call-signs being XGOX and XGOY.

The broadcasts will be in 16 different languages, including, Mandarin, Cantonese and Hak-ka dialects, Japanese, English, French, German, Italian, Malay, and Dutch.—Our Own Correspondent.

FINNS TAKE INITIATIVE

Attacking Soviet Entrenchments At Rasti

20,000 RED ARMY TROOPS CONCENTRATED

Helsinki, To-day.

IN FINLAND, THE INITIATIVE appears to have passed for the present to the Finns. On the Central Front, not far from Suomussalmi, the Finns are attacking strongly entrenched Soviet positions near Rasti.

Rasti is nearly 20 miles from the frontier and was occupied by the Russians at the beginning of December. About 20,000 Soviet troops are concentrated here and the battle is expected to be the most important in the area since Suomussalmi.

Unofficial reports from the district north-east of Lake Ladoga say that Finnish troops there have also taken the initiative and have captured the important town of Pitkaranta, tightening their hold on Russian divisions trapped near the town.

(Pitkaranta, which is on an important highway leading into Soviet Russia, is about 20 miles from the border and is on the north-east shore of Lake Ladoga).

PLANES DOWNED

Official reports from the Lake Ladoga area state that many Russians were killed and nine Soviet tanks lost during repeated attacks. There were also Soviet attacks on the Lake Ladoga side of the Karelian Isthmus.

Soviet planes were not so active on Tuesday, the only bombing being in northern Finland. The Finns claim to have brought five Soviet planes down with fighter planes and anti-aircraft fire. — Reuter.

MIRACLES NOT FOR EVER

Paris, To-day.

"Miracles have happened but you can't expect a series of miracles," Finland's Minister in Paris told the Anglo-American press lunch yesterday.

"We are condemned to death unless help comes soon." — Reuter.

Soviet Strategy

London, To-day.

The Soviet operations in Finland had three main purposes, the Finnish spokesman in London told Reuter yesterday, summing up the situation at the end of the first two months of war.

These were to break the Mannerheim Line, or, failing that, to turn its flank; to cut the "wasp waist" in two; and to occupy Petsamo and the hinterland, thus rendering naval assistance impracticable and cutting off supplies by sea.

At the moment it might be said that the menace was being held on all fronts.

The Finnish Staff was confident that the Mannerheim Line would withstand even stronger pressure than it had hitherto received.

MANPOWER NEEDED

Finland's most pressing need was for more ammunition, war supplies (including planes) and, finally, manpower.

Finland could hold off the Russians for a long time but ultimately manpower would tell.

Finland appealed for volunteers from all countries who wanted to defend the ideals for which Finland is fighting. — Reuter.

WATER SUPPLIES

It is officially notified that a constant supply of water will be given in all districts from 5 a.m. on February 6 to 12 p.m. on February 12 in connection with the Chinese New Year festival.

STARHEMBERG GAZETTED LIEUTENANT

Paris, To-day.

Prince von Starhemberg, former Vice-Chancellor and ex-leader of the Heimwehr in Austria, has been officially gazetted a lieutenant in the French Army "a titre et ranger."

This means that the Prince cannot command French soldiers but only foreign units. — Reuter.

INDIA DROPS COMPULSORY SERVICE

New Delhi, To-day.

The scheme for compulsory national service for all male European British subjects in India has been abandoned.

This is because legal difficulties arose which could be superseded only by the British Parliament superseding the British Army Act as it applies to the British Army in India. — Reuter.

REALISTIC ANGLE

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

COMMENTING ON THE UNITED STATES PROTEST TO BRITAIN ABOUT SEIZURES OF MAILS, THE "NEW YORK POST" DECLARES:

"Our protests are for record but let us be realistic enough to avoid heat in the matter and recognise as a hard fact that we are not going to take any action beyond a protest."

"Having given up our right to send ships to Germany we are not likely to be going to war with Democratic England in order to enable Fascist Germany to send goods to us." — Reuter.

DEATH OF SIR HERBERT MARLER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Montreal, To-day.

The death is announced of Sir Herbert Marler, who was Canadian Minister in Tokyo from 1929 to 1938.

Sir Herbert subsequently became Minister in Washington. — Havas.

CONTROL OF PRICES IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, made a statement in the House of Commons yesterday on the cost of living index.

He referred to steps taken by the Government to control, as far as possible, retail prices of the principal essential foodstuffs.

It was due to this action that the cost of food index had remained unchanged between December and January.

The policy of controlling retail food prices by the use of public funds was being continued, and in consequence he expected that any increase in the present month would be small.

The cost of this policy to the Exchequer was very substantial, and at present it was costing £1,000,000 a week. This arose principally from holding the prices of such articles as bread, flour, meat and milk. — Reuter.

COLUMBUS CREW HELD

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS STATE THAT THE CREW OF THE NAZI LINER COLUMBUS, SCUTTLED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, ARE STILL INTERNED ON ANGEL ISLAND, SAN FRANCISCO.

Thus the report that 500 of the Columbus crew had sailed on board Japanese fishing-boats is denied.

Rumours, however, are current that a plan exists to divide the Nazi sailors into small units, scatter them along the coast and then quietly put them on board Japanese ships.

The sailors themselves say they are willing to try the hazardous voyage in order to get home. — Reuter.

SOVIET TRANSPORTING POLES

Copenhagen, To-day.

As a result of increasing difficulty in maintaining order, the Soviet Government has adopted a policy of mass transportation of Poles from Eastern Poland to the interior of Russia. — Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

If Japan appraised the present aspect of the European war in such way as to justify the assumption of a German victory, it would be understandable that an opportunity to quarrel with Britain should be welcomed. But certainly the reading of the European war barometer is not such as to give Japan reason for wishing to swallow her pride—gravely injured by the German alliance with Russia—and jump at a chance to make an enemy of Britain for the purpose of siding with Britain's Nazi enemy.

For some weeks Japan's progress in the new-order-of-East-Asia programme has been rather slow, except as regards the establishment of the central puppet government in China, and even there the progress is questionable. Therefore Tokyo naturally would be disposed to jump at any chance to boost her stock. A noisy challenge to Britain might be a good stroke in that direction, knowing that Britain is not in position to fight back more than is absolutely imperative. A minor incident, if blown up in diplomatic froth and furor, well might help to advertise Japan's mastery of this part of the world—and in fact it might materially aid in asserting that mastery, for after all precedent carries much weight in international affairs, regardless of the peculiar circumstances under which the precedent is established.—"Manila Bulletin."

and that Dr. Goebbels for once has told the truth.—"North China Daily News."

GERMANY'S ECONOMIC SITUATION

Whatever the truth of Mr. Cross' statement, it is interesting to find out what German leaders themselves are saying about the economic condition of the Third Reich. One such revealing statement came to our attention recently from an issue of the Vierjahresplan, official magazine of the Reich Economic Four Year Plan. In an article written by Emil Helfferich, one-time Maritime Adviser to the Fuehrer, it was stated: "We must face the facts. They are the same as in 1914-18. England's power has brought German overseas trade to a complete standstill."—"China Press," Shanghai.

VULNERABILITY OF GERMANY

One may dismiss out of hand the assertion that the tender-hearted Goering has been too "humane" to make full use of his air fleet. If Germany could have crippled the Allied powers by one fell swoop of her air armada on the civilian population, she would not have hesitated to do so. The real explanation of Germany's tender conscience in this matter lies in the peculiar vulnerability of Germany itself to an attack by air.—"Ceylon Observer."

ON FOREIGN RIGHTS

The repeated Japanese promises concerning the re-opening of the Yangtze River are one instance in which Japan has tried to establish a legal precedent for allowing foreigners in China to enjoy their "privileges" through the permission, kindness and generosity of the Japanese Government. Although the river has not been opened and although there appears to be little chance that it will be opened in the near future, Tokyo has announced that it has arrogated to itself the right of regulating shipping on the ground of "military necessity."

Foreign rights in China, if they are to be maintained by the western powers, must not be qualified by Japanese regulations. As soon as such qualifications were recognised by the foreign governments, the third powers would have forfeited their rights and consented to subsidise on Japanese grace and whims. It is imperative for the foreign powers now seeking to maintain their place in the Far East to remember that they are trying to protect their rights and that they are not begging for permission and kindness from the Japanese Government.—"China Press," Shanghai.

WHEN GOEBBELS SPOKE THE TRUTH

The Reich organised, and prepared this war to the last detail, and they would not have done this, had they not determined in the long run to resort to hostilities.

Ultimate war, it is now revealed, was the sole motive which actuated the Nazis from the moment they came to power. By their machinations they have got it, and the Reich now finds itself enwrapped in such toils that only the violation of the integrity of more small neutral nations offers them even the remotest chance of that victory for which they have planned, and schemed these last be borne in order that "our House may stand together and its pillars may not fall." It is of that purpose that the King's visit to France has been the ried away with the exuberance of his outward, and visible symbol to the whole world.—"Daily Telegraph," London.

SAVE OR LOSE

The German citizen or slave now needs 100 clothing coupons to replenish his meagre wardrobe. It is suggested that he should buy only one shirt a year.

We do not recommend such rigours to the British public. They are not necessary, but Nazi economy is nothing to laugh at.

The war will be won by rigid discipline on the Home Front as well as in France.

Who dare contradict that there is a terrific amount of waste going on in public and private expenditure?

Money is being poured out as if our financial resources were a vast Niagara of gold.

Let the departments use the axe, and set an example to the man in the street to save.—"Daily Mirror," London.

A QUICKENING REMINDER

Knowledge of where the King has been and what he has seen will be a quickening reminder that for many thousands of Britain's youth and chivalry, the kith and kin of those of us who rest safe and sound at home, there can be no such relaxation as we know, but the daily duty of daring aught that a formidable foe may contrive. As they are faithful to their trust, in scorn of ease and self-interest, so we, who look to reap what their valour and sacrifice have sown, have a duty to them to be faithful to our trust, which is not to fail in stead-fastness of purpose, but to make it manifest that behind the firing line there is a united and unflinching chance of that victory for which they have planned, and schemed these last seven years. It may be that in making stand together and its pillars may not fall. It is of that purpose that the King's visit to France has been the ried away with the exuberance of his outward, and visible symbol to the whole world.—"Daily Telegraph," London.

CAUSE FOR THANKS

"Those who were inclined a few months ago to blame the Government for failure to reach an agreement with Stalin may well be thankful now that we refused to barter the freedom of the Baltic States for a promise of Russian assistance."—Capt. Eilan Wallace.

U-BOAT ATTACKS CONVOY AND IS SUNK

LONDON, TO-DAY.

DETAILS OF THE SINKING OF A NAZI SUBMARINE BY CONVOY PROTECTION VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT, MENTIONED BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN HIS SPEECH YESTERDAY, HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY THE ADMIRALTY AND AIR MINISTRY.

They announce that a U-boat on Tuesday attacked a convoy and sank the 5,000-ton British steamer Vaclite, whose crew were rescued by an Italian ship.

The naval escort immediately hunted the submarine and dropped depth charges, but after a time contact was lost.

BRITAIN'S TRADE POLICY

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain in the course of his speech last night, referred to the agreement reached with the United States a little over a year ago, based on the principle of the most-favoured nation, and declared: We mean, when the war is successfully concluded, to return to that ideal.

"We must guard against the vicious policy of economic nationalism and autarchy, which did so much to upset the last great peace settlement.

"One of our foremost aims will be the restoration of international trade.

SAFER AND HAPPIER

"I am convinced that the sentiments and ultimate interests of neutrals must be on the side of those who are trying to uphold the rights of nations and individuals to lead lives free from the fear of aggression and persecution."

Britain and France, Mr. Chamberlain concluded, "will fight on until that freedom which has been outraged comes into its own again, and until friend and enemy can sit down and build up a happier and safer world." —Reuter.

ROYAL VISIT TO WOUNDED SEAMEN

London, To-day.

Wounded seamen, victims of Nazi torpedoes, bombs, guns and mines, yesterday gave graphic first-hand accounts of their experiences to the Queen.

Her Majesty paid a private visit to the Sailors' Home in East London and chatted with several injured men.

One of the men, who had just been brought in from a torpedoed ship, told the Queen that he and his shipmates were in a boat for many hours before being picked up.

He described how they had seen the U-boat come to the surface and how the German commander had given them time to get the boats away before sinking the ship. —Reuter.

Later in the day an R.A.F. Coastal Command flyingboat joined the naval escort of the convoy in the search and found the submarine.

The U-boat was proceeding on the surface, apparently being unable to dive as the result of damage inflicted during the earlier attack.

A heavy bomb was dropped on the starboard side of the submarine.

STILL FIGHTING

Men were observed on deck, and the submarine fired its anti-aircraft gun. The aircraft retaliated with machinegun fire.

The sea level temporarily obscured the submarine, and the aircraft thereupon proceeded to the warships and told them the position of the submarine.

SURVIVORS PICKED UP

When the warships arrived, however, the submarine had sunk.

Some survivors in a rubber dinghy were rescued and some additional survivors were picked up later from the sea by British warships.—Reuter.

NAZI RAIDS ON WESTERN FRONT

PARIS, TO-DAY.

TWO NAZI RAIDS ON THE WESTERN FRONT WEST OF THE SAAR DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS HAVE BEEN REPULSED.

German artillery opened fire on French outposts prior to the attacks and also laid down a barrage on all points from which the raiding parties could be attacked. The Germans left their lines at points two miles apart. In one raid, about 50 men were in one party and 25 in the other.

French artillery and automatic weapons drove them back without difficulty.

There has been no air activity over the front, although one Nazi machine made a long reconnaissance flight over eastern and northern France and is reported to have flown over Belgium on the way home.—Reuter.

OIL SEIZURE TO STAND

MEXICO CITY, TO-DAY.

PRESIDENT CARDENAS REITERATED YESTERDAY THAT THE OIL EXPROPRIATION MUST STAND.

Addressing a conference of foreign newspaper correspondents at the National Palace he declared that the legality of the expropriation was now unquestionable, and therefore suggestions to refer the matter to international arbitration were outside the bounds of possibility.

President Cardenas revealed that Mexico had completed satisfactory arrangements with France for shipment without interference of merchandise bought in Germany before the war. —Reuter.

FRENCH PATROLS ACTIVE

Paris, To-day.
Last night's French war communiqué stated that French patrols penetrated enemy territory at several points and successfully accomplished their mission.—Reuter.

WHERE THE EVIL LIES

Wellington, To-day.

The hope that something concrete and forceful would result from the Pope's collaboration with President Roosevelt was expressed by Mr. Fraser, N. Z. Prime Minister, at a reception given yesterday in honour of the Papal Legate.

The Vatican authorities know where the evil lies, he said. They know that if the Allies were defeated all democracy and cultural and spiritual life would go down with the conquered.—Reuter.

NEW NAZI "WEAPON" AT SEA

London, To-day.

The skipper of the Grimsby trawler Russell, which was attacked by German aircraft on Tuesday, on arrival home yesterday stated that in addition to incendiary bombs the plane dropped what looked like hundreds of darts.

They all missed the ship and fell into the sea.

The skipper added that small fires occurred on deck but were extinguished and the trawler arrived safely back in port. —Reuter.



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BRITAIN'S WAR EFFORT

WHAT WE MUST DO NOW

In this unusual war no one—not even a member of the War Cabinet—could give a completely confident answer to the question of where our energies should be chiefly directed to-day. Nevertheless, there are several aspects of our war effort on which we can now form an opinion.

In the first place, it is dangerous to harbour the pleasant belief that we can settle down in comfort to a siege war on the Western Front disturbed only by intermittent air raids and fighting at sea and rely on the blockade to reduce Germany slowly but surely to a more reasonable frame of mind.

The picture is an attractive one, for if this were practicable a great amount of human suffering would be avoided and we should carry on much of our business as usual. But we cannot rely on this policy to bring about the will to peace on any basis we could accept.

In the course of the last war Germany's home front collapsed under three kinds of pressure:

(a) Nearly two million deaths in battle plus five or six million more or less severely wounded. It would be difficult to overestimate the effect of this constant strain, from which there was no intermission, on the morale of the people at home.

(b) A colossal industrial effort as the result of which the products of coal, iron and steel and chemical industries were fired from the gun's mouths in a wasteful continuous stream; the state of the German railways and of industrial plant at the end of the war showed how badly Germany's equipment had deteriorated.

(c) On top of all this came the blockade. It was the last straw that broke the German resistance. If now there are comparatively few casualties and if there is no serious gun-fire on the short 200-mile front, Germany will have man-power available to develop her industrial output, build railways through Poland into Russia, manufacture agricultural machinery and leave sufficient labour on the land to increase her own harvest.

Sir William Beveridge has recently pointed out that Germany can make herself sufficiently self-supporting in food if she has to make no serious war effort. If, on the other hand, her man-power is strained for war purposes, the war pressure reinforced by the blockade will become effective.

We in Britain believe that the Allies, backed with the economic resources of the Empire and the U.S.A., are economically superior to Germany in spite of any help Germany may get from Russia. But that superiority will only be effective as a form of war pressure if we compel Germany to exhaust her resources.

A second point is that Great Britain must prepare to shoulder a larger share of the war on land than she is now carrying. This is necessary not merely on military grounds but for economic and political reasons.

Although our military effort at sea, in the air, and on land is already very great and our actual casualty list to

date heavier than that of France, the war strain on our population is definitely less owing to the fact that France is fully mobilised and we are not.

From the point of view of the maximum efficiency of the Allied effort as a whole, France has been over-mobilised. If the older Frenchmen could be sent back to the factories and fields it would greatly help to swell France's industrial and agricultural output. The women of France work magnificently; but in the last war her food production suffered badly for lack of labour.

France is also capable of building up an immense aeroplane and munitions output if she has the man-

By
Sir Walter Layton

power; at present her industries are short of labour.

The political influence of complete mobilisation is also important. For the strain it involves is likely to lead to a demand for a vindictive peace—on the mistaken ground that the crushing of Germany will prevent war happening again. If we believe that it is possible to devise wiser terms of peace, we shall be in a stronger position to make our view effective if our army is comparable in size with that of France when the war ends.

This relief to France on land should not be unduly delayed. The expansion of the British Army seems likely to be a slow process owing to the fact that the demands of other Services—particularly the Navy and the Air Force—have priority. It is also argued that our man-power is not sufficient to provide a large army, in addition to our Air Force, Navy and Anti-Air Raid Precautions, and at the same time to maintain a sufficient export trade to enable us to import necessary food and war materials.

But this argument cannot be sustained. In the last war the British Empire produced 98 divisions; an army of half this size would enable us to give relief to France and still leave a big margin for the Air Force.

Further, our population includes three million more men of adult age than in 1914; many of our work-people are unemployed or under-employed; dilution and the use of female labour in the munition factories have hardly begun; immense improvements have been made in the technique of manufacture of all kinds of weapons of war, in ship-building and in agriculture, and this economy of labour goes a long way to offset the greater complication of modern instruments of war.

Moreover, it should not be necessary to hold back British divisions until they are equipped to "the last button" with full British standard equipment. Probably no army has ever entered the field with the full standard equipment which its administrators thought necessary, and it is certain that before 12 months are over the present War Office standards will

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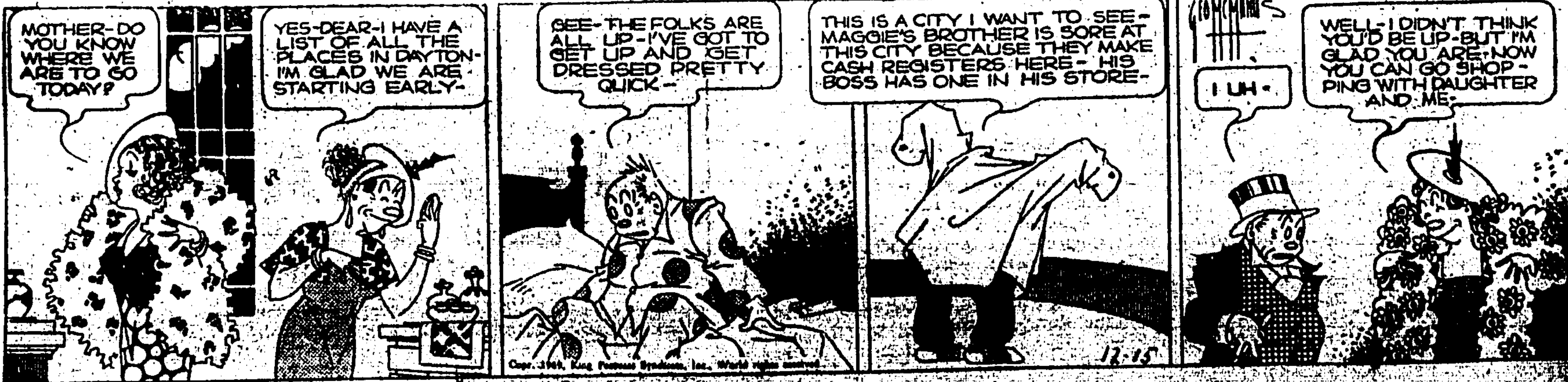
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By George McManus



WHAT WE MUST DO NOW

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have changed.

If France and Britain are to be organised as a single unit there is no reason why British divisions which are to replace French troops should not be equipped with 75mm. field guns of which France has a large supply and a very big output. As I pointed out yesterday, the American Army fought in 1918 with French light and British heavy artillery. The proposal to standardise and pool weapons of all kinds will shock the specialists of both Britain and France; but it would immensely accelerate the date at which our strength will make itself felt.

* * *

There are a number of other tasks—including the building of large numbers of merchant ships under high pressure—which must have high priority in our war efforts. But I have said enough to indicate the magnitude of the job to which we have set our hand.

We cannot tell whether we are destined after all, to have to face slaughter and destruction, or whether—as is possible—the fact of our growing strength will bring a change of heart in Germany. In either case, it is clear that our preparations call for those qualities of imagination and driving force which served us so well twenty years ago.

FORGED BUS TICKET CASE

The Kowloon Bus Company forged ticket case opened this morning at the Sessions before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Macgregor. Six men and a woman were charged, and Li Sang and Wong Wah, former employees of the company, pleaded guilty.

Wu Wing, Ho On, Hong Lee and Chan Tai, the woman defendant, pleaded not guilty.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. E. J. C. Brooks, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appeared for defendants.

The following comprised the jury: Messrs. A. M. Silva, (foreman), Wong Chuk-lin, Lee Luk-tat, V. Olafinsky, C. L. Gregory, S. V. Fong, and Chan Yui-po.

All accused were charged with conspiracy to defraud the company, Ho On was also charged with possession of 114 forged tickets, Wong Lee with forgery of a way-bill and possession, and the woman was charged with aiding and abetting.

CONDUCTOR ORGANISER

Mr. Macnamara said the organiser of the plot was Li Sang, a conductor, who was dismissed in July. Following his dismissal, he engaged Wong Ping to print tickets in a hut in Lee Uk Village, Cheung Sha-wan. Wong was a police informer and the hut was raided on October 28, Wu Wing and the woman were arrested there and the others on buses next day.

Det-Inpt. A. E. Carey said that he led the raiding party and found in the hut a large quantity of printing material.

Lee Yat Ngok, manager of the Local Printing Press, said that his firm had been engaged by Kowloon Motor Bus Co. to print tickets since 1934. Nearly 30,000,000 were printed yearly. The tickets produced in court were not printed by his firm. A different process of printing was used, the paper was different, there were misspelt words and the background of the ticket was irregular. The perforation was also irregular. The case is proceeding.

One smallpox case, four diphtheria, one typhoid, three chickenpox, two meningitis, and 26 tuberculosis cases were notified to the Medical Department yesterday.

BELGIAN GENERAL'S DECISION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Lt.-Gen. Van Den Bergen, Chief of the Belgian General Staff, has resigned to take up command of the country's armies in the field.

This was officially announced after a meeting of the Cabinet last evening.

The War Minister, General Denis, has proposed General Michiels as General Bergen's successor.

No political reason is given or seen for the General's resignation, and informed quarters assert it was due to personal motives.—Havas.

GIRLS FINED \$1,000

TWO YOUNG CHINESE GIRLS WERE EACH FINED \$1,000 (OR SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR) BY MR. H. G. SHELDON, K. C., THIS MORNING, WHEN CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF 5,000 HEROINE PILLS.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios pleaded guilty on behalf of the accused, who were Fung Tai, 20, and Li Siu-fan 17.

Mr. Remedios said that both his clients had been out of employment for a considerable time. They were given the pills by a man named Tang Shiu-sang who gave them 40 cents each to deliver the pills. His clients were newcomers to the Colony and did not know the seriousness of the offence.

Mr. A. W. Grimmer said that though defendants had been given the address of the man Tang, when Revenue Officers raided the place, Tang had left about a fortnight. Tang would have been arrested, said Mr. Grimmer, if defendants had not held back the information.

HAD TO FORCE ENTRY INTO GAMBLING HOUSE

Chan Yuet-hing, 30, widow, was fined \$100 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, when charged with keeping a gambling house in Tung Lo Wan Road.

Twenty-two others were found on the premises. Two appeared in Court and were fined \$8, while the others had their bail of \$10 estreated.

Detective Sergeant J. Bentley said he raided the premises at about 4.15 p.m. yesterday. He was refused admission and had to force his way in. Some of the gamblers tried to get away by way of the verandah, but were not successful.

AERIAL WIRE THIEF CAPTURED

After being informed that a Chinese was on the roof stealing his aerial wire, Mr. G. J. Grover, of No. 215, Fa Yuen Street, went up, gave chase and finally arrested him in the street.

At Kowloon this morning, Ho Ngai was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen on two charges of stealing aerial wire.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES

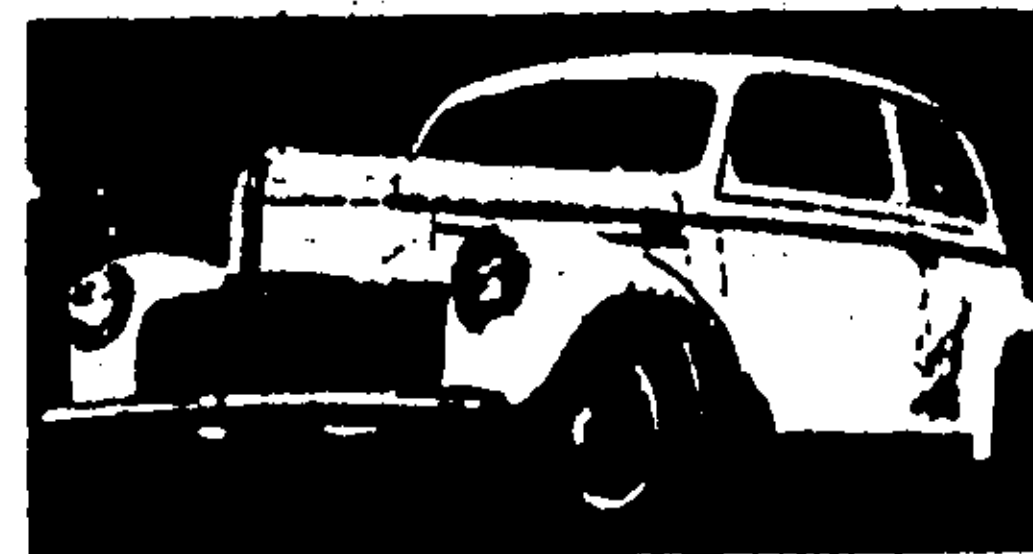
Mr. H. M. Howell, of No. 1A, Chater Road, was fined \$2 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon this morning for allowing his car to remain longer than necessary in Queen's Road Central near Marina House.

Mr. Z. Vellachsky, of the Jockey Club Stables, was fined \$5 for leaving his car unattended in Chater Road.

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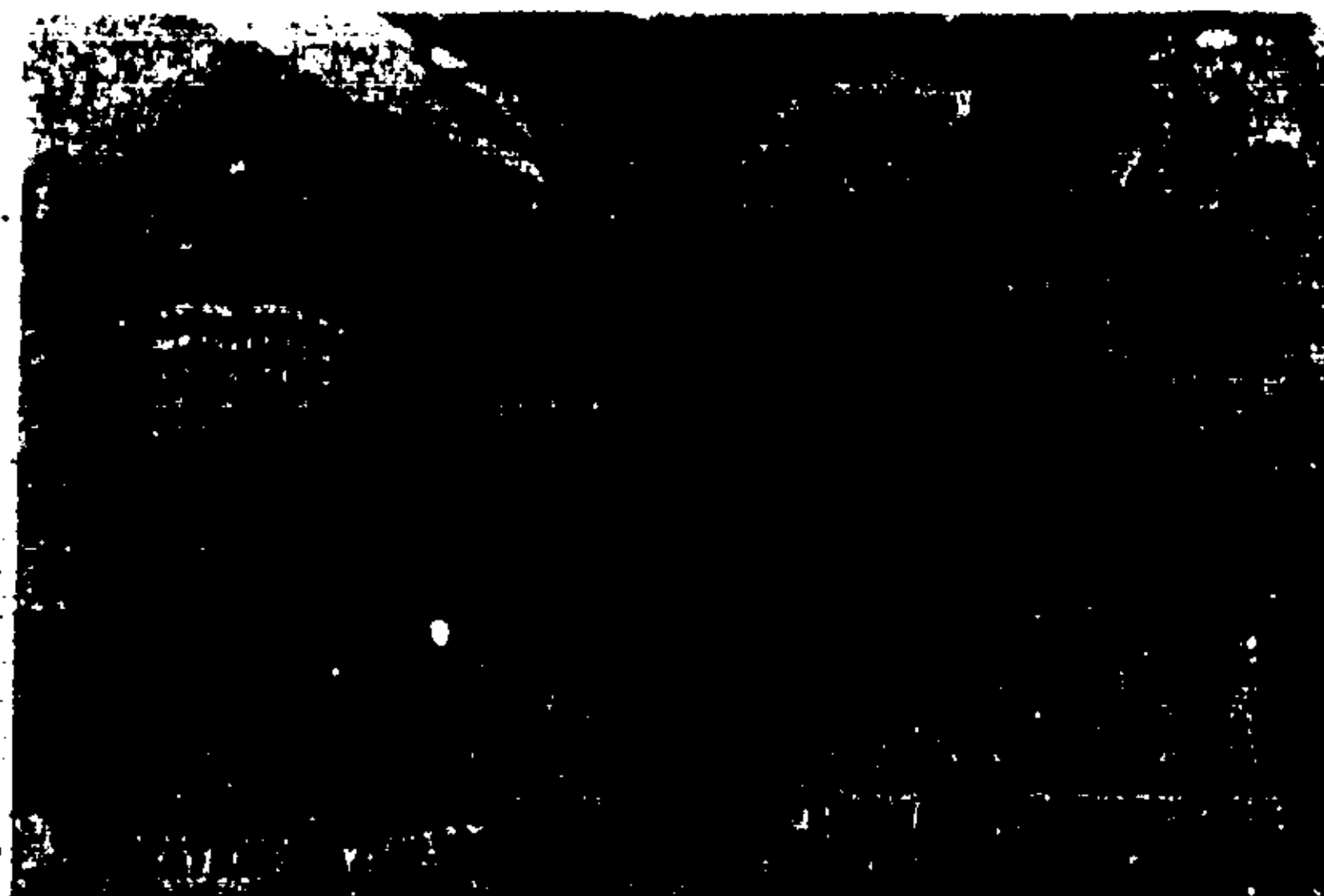
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**NAZI SPY RING IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA**

London, To-day.

REPORTS RECEIVED IN London by members of the House
of Commons in regard to the war efforts of the Domin-
ions have caused intense satisfaction, says Reuter's
lobby correspondent.

South Africa's readiness to assist African colonies in dan-
ger of aggression and the rapid development of the land
forces in South Africa are noted, also that South Africa
planes have greatly assisted the Navy in operating in
that part of the world.

Members greatly praised the effort
Southern Rhodesia is making, while
the importance of Dominions co-opera-
tion in regard to finance, exchange
control, licensing of exports and im-
ports, manufacture of armaments,
economic warfare and negotiation of
trade agreements with neutral coun-
tries in Europe and contraband con-
trol it is felt will be a very powerful
factor in determining the issue of the
war.

This co-operation has already reach-
ed a stage far exceeding anything that
occurred in the last war.

PIGEON SERVICE

All racing pigeons in South Africa
have been counted and listed, and of-
ficials of all homing pigeon societies
have been asked to supply a list of
members and state the number of
birds each one owns.

This is part of the authorities' in-
vestigation into reports that pigeons
are used by Nazi agents to carry in-
formation out of the country.

NAZI SPY RING

Reports suggested the existence of
a Nazi spy ring in Portuguese East
Africa, which is engaged in obtaining
information from the Union.

Watch is also kept on the importa-
tion of birds, and recently the police
confiscated a crate of homers consign-
ed to a religious Order.

A vigilant eye is kept on persons in
the Union suspected of being Nazi
agents.—Reuter.

**THE RANT
OF A MAN
UNBALANCED**

London, To-day.

"This speech is as worth-
less as all the others. It does
not matter. If the Germans
are content with these out-
pourings they are indeed a
patient and credulous peo-
ple," says the "Daily Mail,
commenting on Hitler's latest
outburst.

The "Yorkshire Post" says:
"Hitler's speech was the rant of a
man unbalanced. This morning we
see the old hypocrisy trying the dis-
credited old tricks. Once more this
destroyer of liberty, this torturer of
innumerable victims, assumes the airs
of the wronged innocent. He wants
us to believe that he would have
done no harm to anyone if he had
not been provoked by British and
French hatred. His latest speech, a
piece of unrestricted warfare upon
the truth, will strengthen our re-
solve."

FRENCH COMMENT

A message from Paris says that an
uninterrupted explosion of vulgar in-
sults, directed more especially against
Britain and her statesmen, is how the
"Petit Parisien" describes the
speech.

"Excelsior" says that Hitler would
not hesitate on any kind of massacre
but he forgets that, on their side, the
Allies are not sleeping either.

Madame Tabouls, in "L'Oeuvre,"
regards Hitler's threats as part of the
blackmailing campaign which he is
just now conducting in a masterly
manner from the North Sea to the
Caspian and Mediterranean Seas to
the River Aube.

She considers M. Daladier and Mr.
Churchill right in saying that it
would be a hard fight. "We should
be both blameworthy if we under-
estimated the German strength."

NO ROME COMMENT

A Rome despatch says that Herr

**U.S. NAVAL BUILDING
PROGRAMME CUT**

Washington, To-day.

The House of Representatives naval
committee has tentatively approved a
three-year building programme cost-
ing approximately \$655,000,000.

The programme provides for 21
new warships, compared with the 77
proposed in the original programme.
— Reuter.

Hitler's speech has removed from the
minds of Italians, who were aware of
it, the last illusion that the present
conflict can be settled without a
catastrophic clash of arms.

No comment on the speech was
published in the press though a full
summary appeared on the front pages
of most papers. — Reuter.

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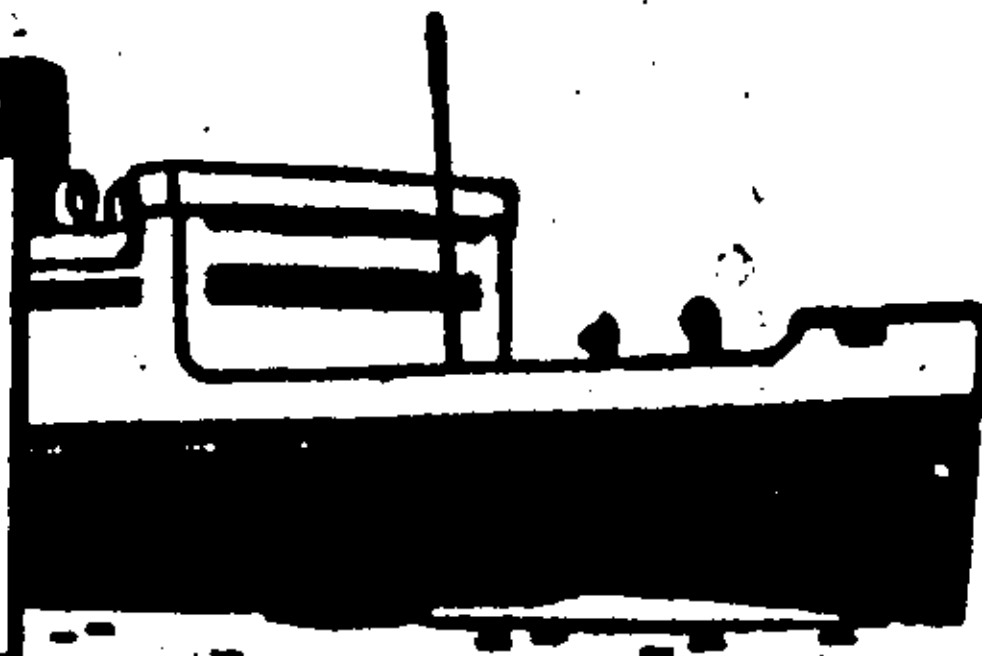
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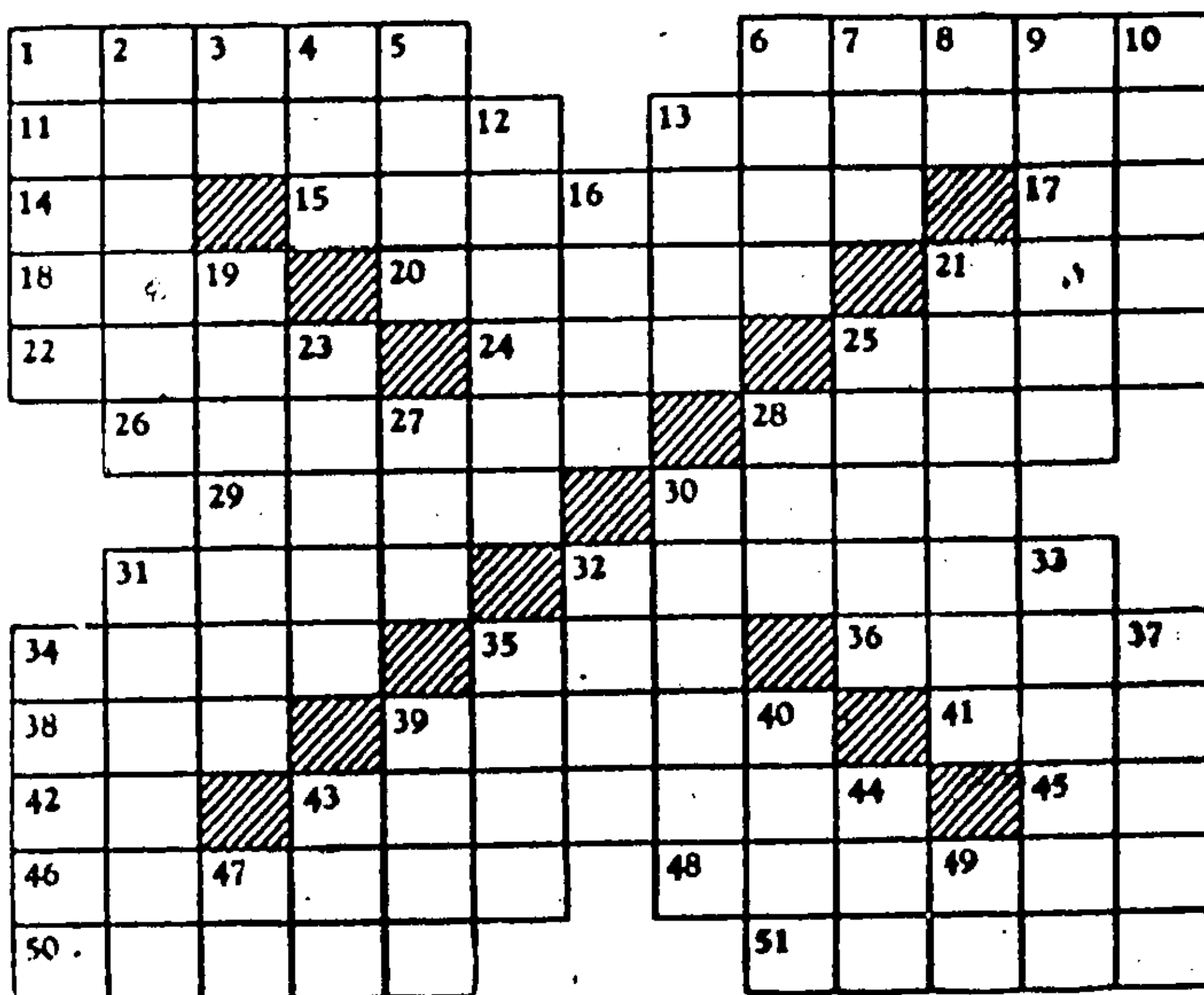
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- 6 Cloaks
- 11 Entertains
- 13 To rue
- 14 Above
- 15 To render suitable
- 17 Brother of Odin
- 18 To frost slightly
- 20 Formality
- 21 Pastry
- 22 Dance
- 24 To confine
- 25 Cabin
- 26 Omitted
- 28 June bugs
- 29 Oblique glance
- 30 Market
- 31 To employ
- 32 To mourn
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- 35 Bulgarian coin
- 36 Withered
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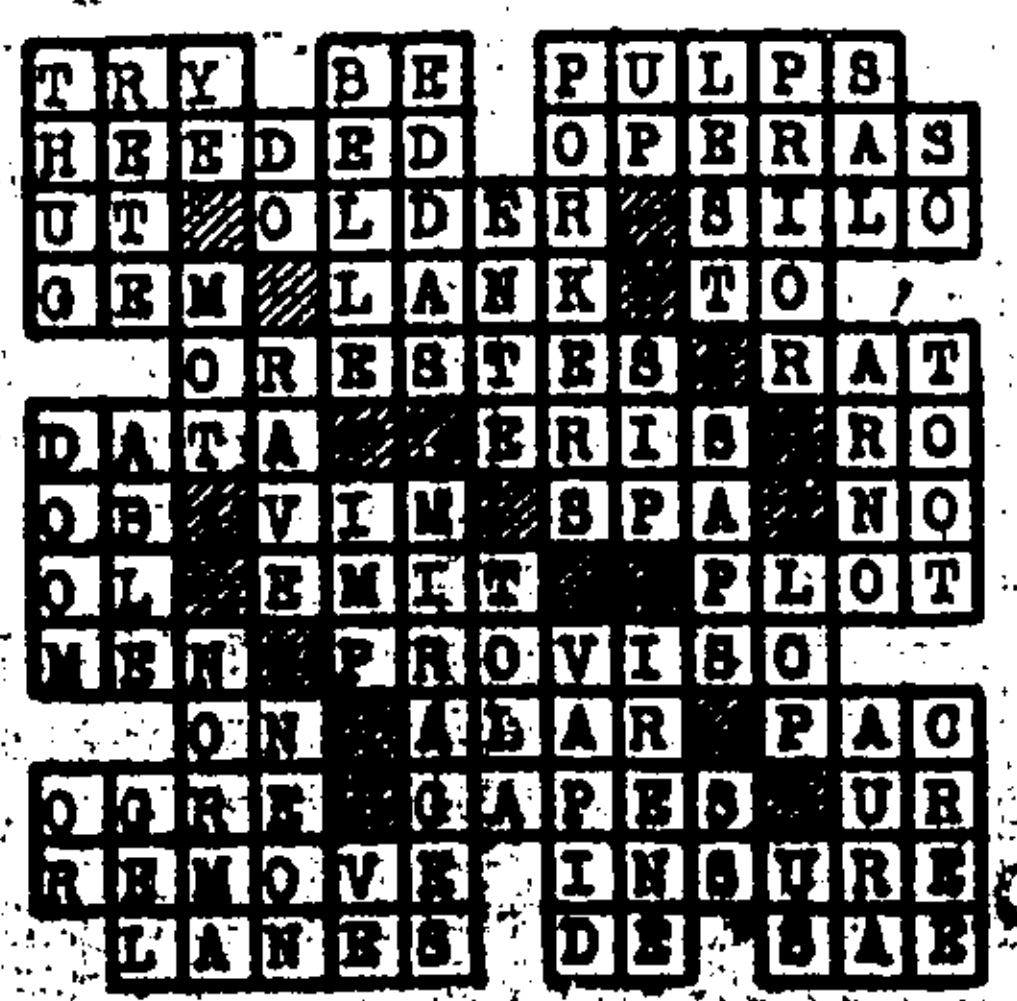
VERTICAL

- 42 Teutonic deity
- 43 Impairs
- 45 Thus
- 46 Composed of lobes
- 48 Is available
- 50 Domesticated hog
- 51 Rends

- 1 To intimidate
- 2 Arbitrator
- 3 Greek letter
- 4 Serpent
- 5 Hindu weights

- 6 To cover with wax
- 7 To imitate
- 8 Hebrew letter
- 9 Begrudges
- 10 War-horse
- 12 Hunting dog
- 13 To grade
- 16 Spent
- 19 Voting
- 21 Pertaining to the mind
- 23 Rows
- 25 Mended shoes
- 27 English river
- 28 To obstruct
- 30 Ruthless
- 31 To torment
- 32 River in Siberia
- 33 One who irritates
- 34 Pares
- 35 Citrus fruit
- 37 Cinders
- 39 Fortune
- 40 Period of fasting
- 43 Tribe of Israel
- 44 To petition
- 47 Prefix: two
- 49 Hawk-headed deity

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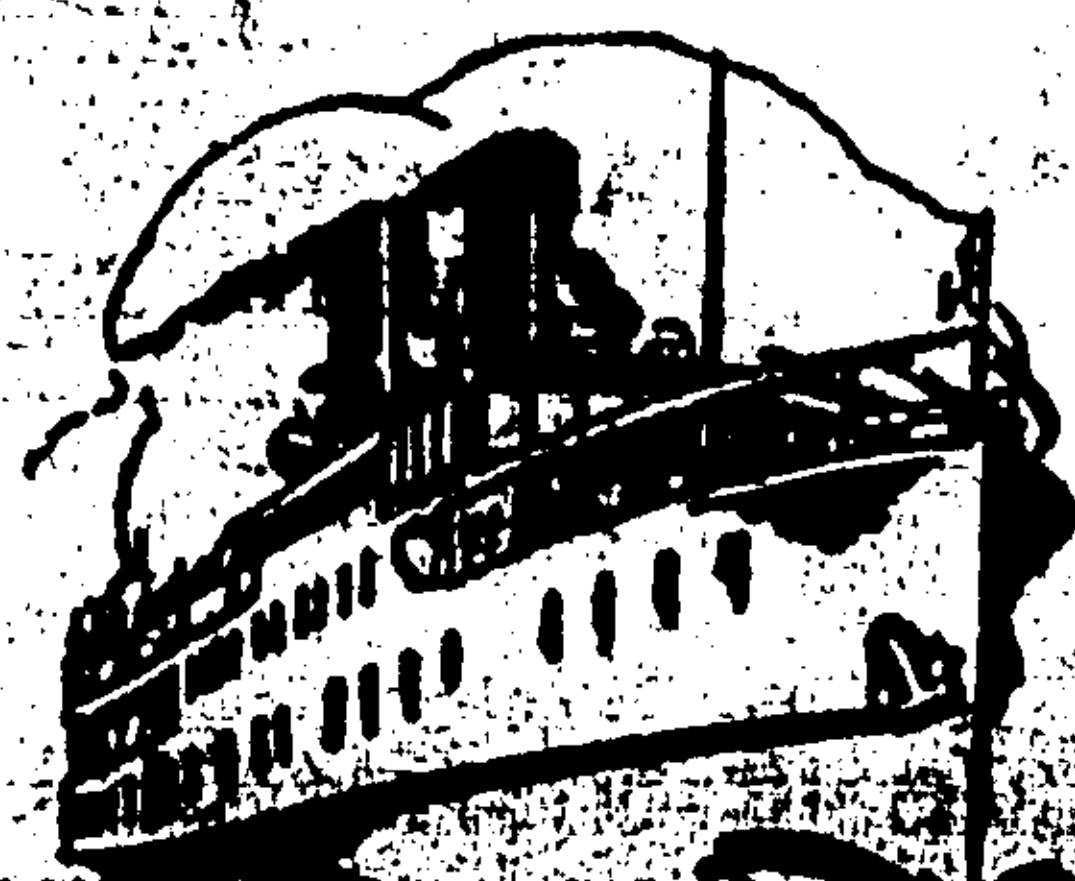
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Reserves.—Cpl. Sheldrake, Bdr. Marsh. Douglas is making his first appearance since his elbow injury at the beginning of the season and will be at full-back instead of fly-half, thus allowing Picton, the regular full-back, to go on the wing, a position he is better suited to. Laing, Hook, Skipwith, Boe, Evans and Duke will be badly missed by Army, who are going to find it extremely difficult to hold off Police.

Police will be represented by Taylor, Jackson, Fay, Wilson and Reynolds; Leslie and Luscombe; Wheeler, Cullinan, Searle; Innis, Rose; Wright-Nooth, Dempsey and Riddell.

Wall is still on the injured list, but Leslie makes a welcome return.

INTERPORT FIFTEEN LOSE TO SEAFORTHS

Last Saturday the Shanghai Interport team lost to Seaforths, conquerors of the U.S. Marines, by 5 points to 3 points (a penalty goal) on a very hard ground. Before the game there was serious consideration given to the proposal to play "touch-rugger" due to the hard state of the game, but it was later decided to play the game as it should be played. "Touch-rugger" eliminates tackling, the man in possession being forced to part with the ball on being touched. The match revolved into a duel between two rock-like defences and the Interport team were unfortunate not to draw. Gordon Brown had to leave the field with a badly injured knee. Following is "The North China Daily News" comment on the players:

Dickson played his habitual splendid game for the Club, his kicking and tackling being excellent while his penalty goal that put the Club ahead in the first half was the best seen in Shanghai for the past five years. Sam Wallace as a winger was not a success and he seems better suited as a loose forward, he made a number of useful runs but he was not quite getting that extra yard from his opposite

HOCKEY

WEAK CLUB TEAM LOSE TO KUMAONS

(By "Sportshawk")

After a very closely contested match Kumaon Rifles defeated Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven in a friendly hockey match at King's Park yesterday by 2 goals to 1. Two goals were shared in the first half.

Club were without the services of several regular players, Bond, the Whitley brothers and Fowler being at Camp.

W. A. Reed, in the pivotal position, saved his side time and again by sound tackling and hard hitting, while the two wing-halves Blacken and Potter, worked hard and played faultless hockey.

In attack, Divett was always dangerous, making most of the openings for his forwards, who, however, finished badly in front of goal. Carey showed a fine turn of speed and was seen in several good runs. The right-wing position was taken over by a Kumaons' player, Ram Singh, owing to Club being one short.

For Kumaons, Capt. Loch shone on the right-wing, sending across many accurate passes.

Club opened the scoring through Carey, but Partap Singh equalised shortly after. After the interval there was no score until the last five minutes, when Partap Singh netted the decider.

winger when receiving passes. Martin's defensive work was superb but he had few opportunities to distinguish himself in attack. Thornley did well but was still inclined to be a trifle selfish when passes would have made all the difference.

Aucott and Dickinson combined well but the latter, although he instituted a number of nice movements, was too prone to become offside. Among the forwards Reynolds, Gamble, Pearson and Tay worked extremely hard and they seem to be assured of their places in the coming Interport side.

LABOUR TROUBLE IN SINGAPORE

London, To-day.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the Colonies Secretary, replying to a Commons question by Mr. A. Creech Jones (Labour, Shipley), said the rise in the cost of living in Singapore since the outbreak of war provided a genuine economic basis for recent claims on behalf of labourers.

There was reason to suspect that subversive elements unfriendly to this country were attempting unscrupulously to exploit this position.

All public authorities and most other employers had awarded a cost of living allowance from Nov. 1 last year.

DISAPPROVAL OF ACTION

In some cases employers had refused to negotiate on demands they considered extravagant, and in one or two disputes workmen were dismissed. Such a course was strongly disapproved by Government.

Trade Union legislation on approved lines and legislation to provide machinery for the settlement of industrial disputes were now in process of enactment by the Straits Settlements Legislature. — Reuter.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO MACAO

Macao, To-day.

General Wu Fei, Commander-in-chief of the Chung Shan Military forces and Magistrate of Chung Shan, was welcomed by the Chinese community here yesterday.

It is understood that General Wu will call on the Governor this morning and return to Shek-ki in the afternoon.—Our Own Correspondent.

NO BUYING INTEREST ON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

Apart from gilt-edged securities and home rails, which continued quietly to improve on the Stock Exchange yesterday, the markets mostly eased in the absence of buying interest.

Losses were small in most cases, however, consisting only of a few pence.

Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

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Horribly gruesome was the crime that came to light with the discovery of a woman's torso in a gunny sack behind the railings of Regent Square in Bloomsbury, on the morning of Nov. 7, 1917.

The ghastly thing was enveloped in a white sheet, and on a torn bit of heavy wrapping paper was crudely written the words: "Blodie Belgium." That was all. Identification was out of the question, with this headless fragment of a human being. Yet there was one tiny clue. In the corner of the white sheet was a laundry mark, "11-H," done in red cotton.

Shortly after the original discovery the legs were found in a bag at the other end of the square. Ten minutes after the discovery John Ashely, a keen-witted Scotland Yard man, was on the case. Later he was to be joined by Frederick Porter Wensley, another shining star of the Yard. Between them they destined to solve a hideous crime.

EVERY LAUNDRY CONTACTED

Every laundry in that part of London was visited and finally the one in which that white sheet had been washed and ironed was located. It had been sent there by a Mme.

An examination of Volson's home disclosed a bloodstained kitchen.

He denied committing the murder but said that he had found the woman dead and covered with blood when he came home one night. He admitted having dismembered the body through fear. London was filled with stories of war atrocities at that time, and the writing of "Blodie Belgium" on the paper was evidently for the purpose of throwing the police on a false scent.

THE TRIANGLE

The theory at the trial was that Volson had been keeping the two women. On the night of the tragedy there was an air raid in London and Mme. Gerard sought Volson's cellar for safety. She found Mme. Roche already there. The further theory was that they had quarreled, and this was borne out by scratches and signs of slight blows on the remains. But in the end Volson had killed Mme. Gerard with some blunt instrument and



then cut up the body and scattered the remains.

He was promptly convicted and later executed for the crime. Mme. Roche was discharged on the murder charge, but a fresh indictment accused her of being an "accessary after the fact." Convicted of this, she was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. Before the end of the first year the horror of the business caused her to go hopelessly insane and the remainder of her life was spent in an institution for the mentally affected.

Detectives Ashley and Wensley were highly commended by their superiors for having solved a murder with only a slight clue and without having even known the identity of the victim when they started.

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By
GEORGE BARTON

Emilienne Gerard, a French woman who had lodgings in Munster Square, Regent Park. The landlady said that Madame Gerard had been gone since Oct. 31. It was ascertained, however, that she had acted as housekeeper, at intervals, for Louis Volson, a butcher.

Volson said that Mme. Gerard had left on the date already mentioned in company with a French girl called "Marguerite," with the statement that she was going on a visit to France. He said he could give no further information, but he and a friend, Mme. Bertha Roche, were invited to headquarters for the purpose of "helping the police."

While there Volson was invited to write "Bloody Belgium" on a sheet of paper. By request he wrote it many times, but on each occasion he spelled it "Blodie Belgium." Also the handwriting, while smaller, was somewhat similar to the original that was found on the paper when the torso was discovered. Mr. Volson and his lady friend were politely "detained" while the two detectives pushed their inquiries further.

In searching him they found a key which opened the cellar of 101 Charlotte St. Poking about there in the midst of trash and rubbish they came across a cask filled with sawdust. And the sawdust covered the head and the arms of the murdered woman.



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6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—HAWAIIAN SELECTIONS. Honolulu Sweetheart of Mine (Davis-Stanley); Along Miami Shore (Warren-Snodgrass)... Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra.
Waltzes—Blue Hawaii (Schuster & Others); Sparkling Waters of Waikiki (Davis-Williams)... Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC by Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra. Quickstep—Mine Alone (from 'Paprika'); Slow Fox-Trot—Magyar Melody (from 'Paprika'); Quickstep—Sing A Song of Sunbeams (film 'Eastside of Heaven'); Slow Fox-Trot—Heaven Can Wait; Rumba—Green Eyes; Slow Fox-Trot—Two Sleepy People (film

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7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—STUDIO—Two Piano Recital by Herbert and Bernhard Ruff (From the Gloucester Hotel).
8.23 p.m.—Compositions of Liszt. Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2... Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
"Mefisto" Waltz, No. 1... Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

8.45 p.m.—STUDIO—Prof. R. C. Robertson of the University of H.K., Recently League of N. Medical Representative in China for Anti-Epidemic Work on "Some Medical Problems of the Yunnan-Burmah Highway."
9.05 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass) in Plantation Songs. My Old Kentucky Home (Foster). Poor Old Joe (Traditional). Old Folks At Home (Traditional). ...with Orchestral accomp.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — The News Summary.
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

9.30 p.m.—THE B.B.C. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Overture "Fingal's Cave", Op. 26 (Mendelssohn). "Aida"—Grand March (Verdi).
9.45 p.m.—LEONCAVALLO'S "I PAGLIACCI". Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Mario Basiola (Bartitone)... Tonio, a clown; Gigli (Tenor)... Canio, Leader of village comedy troupe; G. Nessi (Tenor)... Beppe, Harlequin; Iva Pacetti (Soprano)... Nedda, Canio's wife—Columbine; Paci (Bartitone)... Silvio, a villager in love with Nedda; with Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.
11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Background to the News".
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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DON'T ALWAYS FINESSE

We trust that to-day's hand should prove something of an object lesson to those players who cannot resist taking every finesse that presents itself. Played by Michael T. Gottlieb, one of our finest players, the contract was made mainly because Mr. Gottlieb was able to foresee that an unsuccessful finesse would prove fatal.

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 8 7 2
♥ A Q 9 6 3
♦ J 8 6
♣ 9 4
♠ J 10 9 4
♥ 10 5
♦ Q 10 7 2
♣ K 6 3
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♠ A 6 3
♥ K J
♦ 9 5 4
♣ J 10 8
7 2

♠ K Q 5
♥ 8 7 4 2
♦ A K 3
♣ A Q 5
Mr. Gottlieb

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Jack of spades and East, concluding that Mr. Gottlieb held both the King and Queen, went right up with his Ace and shifted to the Jack of clubs. Refusing to finesse, Mr. Gottlieb played the Ace, then led a heart to dummy, again going up with the Ace. Re-entering his hand with the diamond Ace, Mr. Gottlieb played a second heart, which East won with the King. East now played the ten of clubs, placing Mr. Gottlieb in a ticklish spot. If he played low and it turned out

that East was leading from the King, his opponent would win the trick and then capture his Queen. On the other hand, if West held the club King, to cover would be equally fatal. Mr. Gottlieb recalled that East, who had passed originally, had already shown up with the spade Ace and the King-Jack of hearts. If East also held the King-Jack-ten of clubs, reasoned Mr. Gottlieb, he would surely have opened the bidding. Mr. Gottlieb therefore played a low club, and while his Queen fell on the next round, the club suit was effectually blocked and the defence could win no more tricks.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ x x x
♥ A x x x
♦ J x x
♣ A 10 x

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Burnstone
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Your correct response is one heart. Since the One-over-One response is far preferable to no-trump, you may shade your biddable suit requirements.

Score 100% for one heart, 50% for one no-trump.

QUESTION NO. 323

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner. Both sides are vulnerable. Both have 60 on score, and you hold:

♠ x x x x x
♥ A x x x x
♦ A x x x x
♣ K J x

The bidding:

Maler	You	Jacoby	Burnstone
1♠	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ROYAL SCOTS' BOXING

Keen competition was seen in the finals of the Inter-Company Novices Boxing Competition of the Royal Scots Regiment last night. B. Company beat C. Company 27-17. Results:

Bantam.—Pte. Gorman (B) lost to Pte. Couch (C).

Feather.—L/Cpl. Bruce (B) beat Pte. Cochrane (C), Pte. O'Neill (B) beat Pte. Clelland (C).

Light.—Pte. Spooner (B) beat Pte. Scott (C), L/Cpl. Burns (B) beat Pte. Hynes (C), Pte. Smith (B) beat Pte. Brotherton (C).

Welter.—L/Cpl. Hunter (B) beat Pte. Downs (C) by K. O. Pte. Ross (B) beat L/Cpl. Darkins (C), Pte. Symons (B) beat Pte. Ross (C).

Middle.—Pte. Parnaby lost to Pte. Creig (C) by K. O. in the first round.

Cpl. Allan (B) lost to Pte. Adams (C), Pte. Clark (B) beat Pte. Lennox (C) by T. K. O. in the first round.

Light Heavy.—Pte. Groves (B) lost to Lt. Pinkerton (C), Lt. Cuthbertson beat L/Cpl. Coombe (C).

Welter.—Pte. Dingwall (B) received walk over from Pte. Hossack (C).

SATURDAY'S R.E. TEAM

Following will represent Engineers on Saturday against University at Sookunpoo, at 2 p.m.—Capt. D. C. E. Grose, Captain F. L. Freeman, M. S. M. Green, Sgt. Denyer, L/Sgt. Shipp, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Walte, Spr. Bailey, Spr. Ratcliffe, Spr. Cork, and Spr. Pelham.

Reserves.—Spr. Heath, Sgt. Carpenter, Cpl. Taylor, Umpire.—Sgt. Clarke, Scorer.—Spr. J. M. Cooke.

LAWN BOWLS

In a game of bowls at Government House yesterday, a team led by H. E. the Governor beat U.S.R.C. by 6 shots.

E. P. C. Collin, N. L. Smith, Sir Atholl MacGregor, E. Searl beat Leavitt, T. R. Rowell, Colson, P. Young—husband, 27-21.

W. Walker, I. Newton, J. Deakin, Sir Geoffrey Northcote lost to J. Moffat, E. D. Mathews, B. D. Evans, H. H. Williams, 19-20.

W. Cornell, R. E. Lindsell, J. A. Fraser, S. H. Dodwell beat Hubbar, J. T. Smalley, G. Milne, J. White, 18-17.

YACHTING RESULTS

Following was the result of a sweepstake race held by Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 7.4 miles:

	Finished	Pos.
Jean	16.16.12½	1
(G. J. Tarr).		
Gull	16.17.15½	2
(A. O. G. Mills).		
Redshank	16.17.31½	3
(Mrs. M. I. Johnstone).		

THE COTTAGE CLUB

Members of the Cottage Club are reminded of the Cavalcade to be held from the Club-house at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday next. Ponies will be drawn for on the field.



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CRICKET AVERAGES

LT. FARGUS LEADS JUNIOR BATSMEN

(By "ADREM")

H. A. Barros (Recrelo) has been displaced at the head of the Junior League cricket averages by Lt. Fargus (Army), who, in two innings, has compiled 66 runs for once out.

There are two other qualifiers from Army, Lt. Man and Q. M. S. Patterson, who both made scores of over 60 against the Junior Champions last Saturday.

Craigengower were not in action and so B. R. Iranee's bowling figures remain the same and are sufficient to maintain him at the head of the bowlers' list.

N. Singh (University) and R. Baldwin (K.C.C.) did well on Saturday and qualify. The former has taken nine wickets in two matches.

Second Division

BATTING
(Qualification—2 inns. av. of 15 and over.)

	N.	O.	R.	H.S.	Av.
Lt. Fargus (Army)	2	1	66	56	66.00
H. A. Barros (Rec.)	3	1	108	55	54.00
Major Swyers (Army)	2	1	40	27	40.00
Lt. Man (Army)	2	0	77	64	38.50
Capt. Whatman (Army)	2	0	73	50	36.50
H. M. Xavier (Rec.)	3	1	71	58	35.50
G. A. Gutierrez (Rec.)	2	1	35	24	35.00
Q. M. S. Patterson (Army)	3	0	91	63	30.33
G. Ainslie (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	91	88	28.66
W. L. Clarke (Police)	2	0	53	35	26.50
A. J. Wright (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	25	13	25.00
F. J. Lay (K.C.C.)	4	0	87	44	21.75
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)	3	1	42	23	21.00
R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	3	0	58	28	19.33
T. T. Chin (Univ.)	3	0	57	44	19.00
T. Locke (C.C.C.)	2	1	19	19	19.00
Capt. Lawrence (Army)	3	0	56	29	18.66
G. Stone (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	55	33	18.33
W. Mulcahy (K.C.C.)	4	0	73	41	18.25
A. Hung (C.C.C.)	2	0	36	25	18.00
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)	4	2	35	24	17.50
K. M. Baxter (K.C.C.)	3	0	52	23	17.33
C. Pope (Police)	2	0	34	27	17.00
H. Danbrowsky (Police)	2	0	34	34	17.00
N. Broadbridge (C.C.C.)	2	1	17	16	17.00
A. V. Gosano (Rec.)	2	0	33	17	16.50
V. C. Bond (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	45	24	15.00

BOWLING
(Qualification—two matches; five wickets; average 15 or under.)

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
B. R. Iranee (C.C.C.)	12	1	29	6	4.83
J. E. Noronha (Rec.)	14.3	2	49	9	5.44
G. A. Gutierrez (Rec.)	16	2	59	8	7.38
Lt. Peal (Army)	8	1	54	7	7.71
N. Singh (Univ.)	14	0	82	9	9.11
G. E. Taylor (K.C.C.)	25.6	2	107	10	10.70
E. Curtis (K.C.C.)	26.2	4	99	8	12.38
R. Baldwin (K.C.C.)	20	2	82	8	13.66

LAVALLE SHOWS HIS SPEED TWO DAYS TOO LATE

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Fielding only 13-a-side—six forwards—Club "A" deservedly beat Navy "A" by three tries (9 points) to nil after an interval lead of 3-0 in their Rugby match at the Valley yesterday.

Smith, a newcomer to Club's three-quarter line, gave a promising display, cutting through several times in the approved manner, but he was a trifle selfish.

Lavalle—I am more than pleased about this—punted ahead only twice in the game and ran instead. I wish Walkden could have seen him score his try between the posts. He took Morgan's pass in his stride and made the two opponents near him look silly as he increased his pace to score a good try. He played at full-back in the first half and wing-threequarter in the second. He has Rugby in him and he is now doing his best to show it, alas, too late to secure coveted Interport recognition—only two days to be exact.

At forward, Heasman gave another rousing display in the loose, while McCrea was in his element in the line-

outs. Benn, who is playing his first season of Rugby, showed improvement in the loose and is beginning to come out of his shell.

Navy were unfortunate to lose Jeffrey early in the second half. He was sent to hospital with what was feared to be a broken collar bone.

Clark and Teare showed good understanding, but the threequarters never looked dangerous. Ingils and Charles were the pick of the forwards.

Fay, who made two unsuccessful attempts to drop goals in the first half, scored a good try as the result of a well-judged cut-through. McCrea failed to land the goal points. In the second half a good bout of passing saw Lavalle go over between the posts, only for McCrea to fail with the kick. An opening made by Lavalle gave Morgan a try close in, but Fay failed to convert.

CLUB "A"—Lavalle; Roscoe, Morgan, Smith and P. Wilson; Fay and Treasurer; Heasman, McCrea, Benn, Beattie, Thornhill and Austin.

NAVY "A"—Roe; Addis, Barlow, O'Riordan and Jeffrey; Teare and Clark; Ingils, Davis, Spirit, Charles, Murray-Jones and Sumner.

Three Service Players Rule Irritating HOSSACK, GUY OR FOX TO BE LEFT OUT

(By "REFEREE")

The object of the football game at Caroline Hill yesterday was two-fold, firstly to raise funds for relief work among Chinese in Hong Kong and secondly to enable the Council of the Football Association to decide on the final selection of the team to represent the Colony in Shanghai during the Chinese New Year holidays, but neither object was achieved as the attendance was poor and the indifferent displays given by the nominated players could not have assisted the selectors to any great extent.

The Combined Chinese won by three clear goals, but it was not the brilliance or superiority of the Chinese which gave them this convincing win but the weakness in several departments of the Colony side.

Several changes were made at half time, after which the Association side played better and were generally equal to the Chinese, no goals being scored during that period.

The great problem facing the Interport Selectors is who to leave out among the Service players, Guy, Hossack and Fox, all three of whom are valuable to the team. Moxham must be in goal and the Interport rules only permit three Service players.

Hossack is a good forward and is equally at home on the right-wing, as evidenced in his second half display yesterday, when he was far superior to Castilho, being faster

OTHER SPORT ON PAGE 14. GRAPHIC GOLF HAS HAD TO BE HELD OVER TILL TOMORROW.

and more accurate in his centres, added to which he has a definite advantage in weight.

Fox, who was on view in the second half, livened up the attack and came near scoring on several occasions, and he too must be seriously considered for the final line-up.

GUY, THE BETTER PIVOT

Guy was played at right-half in the first period, but, while putting in much useful work, it was obvious that he was not at home in that position. In the second period he was seen at centre-half and gave a sound display, effectively covering the Chinese inside forwards and relieving many dangerous situations with his head-work. He showed up much better than Forrow as a pivot.

Forrow, as pivot, was handicapped by having the sun in his eyes in the first half, but he was never able to get the full measure of the Chinese forwards and could not cope with their speedy inter-passing. In the second half he was seen at inside-left, where he showed good control and gave the

OUR BEST TEAM

From the players on view yesterday, the following team should be selected to represent the Colony:—Moxham, Hussain and Leonard; Maxwell, Guy and Honnibal; Castilho, A. V. Gosano, Hossack, Forrow and E. Strange.

general impression that if Guy were awarded the pivotal position he could fill the inside-left position with credit.

Bone was weak at back, and poor as was the display of Hussain it was much better. The former was often drawn out of position by Fung King-cheong and the tendency of E. Strange to wander into the centre threw additional work on him as Tang Kwong-sum, the right-winger, often had a free run up field.

Honnibal, on the left-wing, was good only in spasms and would be of more use in the intermediate line, in which position he has played all this season.

MAXWELL'S PROMISE

Maxwell brought in in the second period, showed promise, successfully holding the Chinese left-wing.

Leonard, in the forward line in the first half, appeared clumsy and lacked ball control, but in the second period, when partnering Hussain, he gave a grand display and was sound in every respect.

Lee Shek-yau opened the Chinese account with a corner kick which went into the net without any one touching the ball, and Cheuk Shek-kam added another soon after. The last goal of the match was scored by Lee Wai-long from close in.

S. Strange was an absentee from the game and there seems little justification in including him in the final line-up. He has not played many games this season, has been in hospital for sometime and did not play either on Saturday or yesterday.

Following were the teams:—

INTERPORT XI:—Moxham, A. Bone, A. J. Hussain, K. Forrow, T. Honnibal, A. Maxwell, T. Castilho, A. V. Gosano, D. Leonard, Guy, Fox, Hossack and E. Strange.

COMBINED CHINESE:—Cheung Wing-choy; Hau Yung-sang and Lee Kwok-wai; Kwok Ying-kie, Hsu King-seng and Tse Kam-hung; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-tong, Cheuk Shek-kam and Lee Shek-yau.

BIG WIN FOR R.A.S.C.

Royal Corps of Signals were severely trounced by Royal Army Service Corps by 7 goals to 1 in a Third Division Football League match at Sookunpoo yesterday. Scorers were: Glen (3), Clarke (3) and Martin for R.A.S.C. and Price for the losers.

SIGNALS—Hoaken; Parry and Murphy; Burnford, Holland, and Laing; Price, Truscott, Medford, Marsden and Wallwork.

R.A.S.C.—Medison; Havercraft and Hills; Smart, Logan and Young; Glen, Morgan, Clark, Martin and Hart.

At Caroline Hill yesterday, Royal Scots beat University by four clear goals in their postponed Second Division Football game.

REFEREES' MEETING

The monthly meeting of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held on Tuesday, February 5, at 8 p.m. sharp, when Mr. D. Kossick will give a short talk on the last English Cup Final and other impressions of Home soccer. Laws of the game will also be discussed and members are requested to send in problems for discussion.

Following will represent Hong Kong C.C. v. Army in a friendly game of cricket at Sookunpoo on Saturday:—T. A. Pearce (captain), J. L. C. Pearce, M. F. L. Haymes, D. Day, G. Atkinson, J. E. Richardson, Surg.-Capt. Phanie, R. Owen Hughes, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry and D. de S. Carey.

OUR MODEST SKIPPER

Interviewed last evening after their final training, A. F. "Podge" Walkden, skipper of the Colony side, said "We are extraordinarily lucky to be able to send as strong a side as we are, and I would take this opportunity of voicing the appreciation of all of us to the powers-that-be for granting the necessary leave.

"We are all reasonably fit and I think we have a fifty-fifty chance," he concluded.

CESSFORD DOWN WITH MALARIA

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

F. A. Cessford, the Colony fly-half, is in bed with malaria according to the latest information from Shanghai, but it is considered to be only a slight attack and he should be fit for the game. As there is practically no time left in which to find another reserve, Club will depend on the 17 players selected and Charter will play fly-half if necessary and Hutchison will be brought into the centre.

The seventeen players making the trip are:

J. R. HENDERSON
D. I. BOSANQUET
J. C. CHARTER
H. D. BIDWELL
H. VAN LEEUWEN
F. A. CESSFORD
J. M. THOMSON
A. F. WALKDEN
(CAPTAIN)
K. W. SALTER
P. F. WANKLYN
B. HYNES
C. F. NEEDHAM
G. B. GODFREY
A. J. G. TAYLOR
(VICE-CAPTAIN)
J. REDMAN

Reserves.—J. Hutchison and E. W. Stout.

WALKDEN'S FINE RECORD

Henderson played as scrum-half against Shanghai in 1939 and also for the Colony against Malaya last year. He was a member of Club's victorious Seven in 1938.

Bidwell, who has also represented Shanghai with distinction, played against Shanghai in 1936 and 1939 and for the Colony against the New Zealand Universities' team in 1936, and Malaya in 1939. He was a member of Club's victorious Seven in 1936 and 1937.

Van Leeuwen was a member of the Club's victorious Seven in 1937 and 1938.

Walkden played against Shanghai in 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1939 and for the Colony twice against the Australian Universities' team in 1934, and twice against the New Zealand Universities' team in 1936, and against Malaya last year. He was a member of the Club's victorious Seven in 1938 and 1937, captaining on both occasions.

Salter played against Shanghai last year and for the Colony against Malaya last year. Needham was a member of Club's victorious Seven in 1938.

Taylor played against Shanghai last year and for the Colony against Malaya last year. Hutchison played against Shanghai in 1934, 1935 and 1939 and for the Colony against the New Zealand Universities' team in 1936. He was a member of Club's victorious Seven in 1935.

Stout played against Shanghai last year.

WIN ALTERNATELY

Following are the results of previous matches played in Shanghai:

1925-6	Shanghai won	16-3
1927-8	Hong Kong won	6-3
1929-30	Shanghai won	5-0
1932-3	Hong Kong won	16-3
1934-5	Shanghai won	17-11
1936-7	Hong Kong won	14-3

It is to be hoped that Shanghai will not secure their alternate win again.

The standings to date are:

	Pts.	F.W.L.F.A.
Hong Kong	12	6 100 27
Shanghai	12	6 97 100

Other Rugby on Page 14

QUEEN'S WIN BY ONE RUN

At Pokfulam yesterday Queen's College beat Ellis Kadoorie Indian School by one run in a friendly game.

Aziz Ahmed and Sardar Ahmed added 42 for Queen's, the former hitting six boundaries and the latter three. Nazir Ahmed (7 for 46) had 14 scored off his last over in the course of a ninth wicket stand of 35 by Gopal Singh and Balwant Singh.

N. Ahmed played an aggressive innings for Ellis Kadoorie Indian School, hitting 11 boundaries in his undefeated 49, scored out of 83. He had the mortifying experience of seeing his last partner stumped when the total was only one behind their opponents.

Gopal Singh (4 for 17) secured his last three wickets in the course of three maiden overs.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE

Sarwar Khan, c Narata Singh, b Nazir Ahmed	1
M. Ayob Khan, b Narata Singh	5
Aziz Ahmed, c Kartar Singh, b Nazir Ahmed	32
Sardar Ahmed, b Nazir Ahmed	18
Fida Hussain, c Randhis Singh, b Nazir Ahmed	

Ahmed	0
T. T. Lo, c Kartar Singh, b Nazir Ahmed	1
Khan Mohammed, c Albert Ahmed, b Nazir Ahmed	0
Rattan Singh, b Nazir Ahmed	0
Gopal Singh, c A. Abbas, b Kartar Singh	15
Balwant Singh, b Kartar Singh	11
Pritam Singh, not out	0
Extras (B11, LB1, NB1)	13

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Nazir Ahmed	10	3	46	7
Narata Singh	4	1	13	1
Kartar Singh	6.4	0	24	2

Kartar Singh bowled one no-ball.

ELLIS KADOORIE I.S.

Sbomsher Singh, b Sarwar Khan	8
H. K. Ebrahim, b Gopal Singh	11
M. Moosa, b Sarwar Khan	9
N. Ahmed, not out	49
Narata Singh, b Gopal Singh	9
Kartar Singh, c Rattan Singh, b Gopal Singh	0
A. Ahmed, b Gopal Singh	0
R. Singh, c Aziz Ahmed, b T. T. Lo	12



A. Abbas, b Khan Mohammed	0
S. A. G. Rahman, b Sarwar Khan	1
Gurmuch Singh, c Aziz Ahmed, b Sarwar Khan	0
Extras (B4, LB1)	5

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sarwar Khan	5.7	0	36	4
Gopal Singh	7	4	17	4
Khan Mohd	3	0	33	1
T. T. Lo	1	0	4	1

Hulse in Fine Form

At Pokfulam yesterday Bishop Sargent's XI beat University by 147 runs.

Bishop Sargent's XI 182 (A. J. M. Prata 61, A. J. Hulse 27, P. K. Lui 41, R. Singh 4 for 42, C. N. Mathews 3 for 47).

CAPTAIN'S CUP AT KOWLOON GOLF CLUB

The following is the First Round Draw for the Captain's Cup at Kowloon Golf Club:

W. C. Hung	v	W. Kershaw
J. R. Leitch	v	T. Lamb
M. F. Pinna	v	C. J. Anderson
W. C. Simpson	v	F. C. Barry
W. V. Ahern	v	H. J. Grose
A. E. Davies	v	A. A. Lopes
S. Jex	v	A. J. Dennis
A. W. Ramsay	v	T. Henderson

Owing to some players having to attend Volunteer Camp it has been decided to extend the playing time to enable them to play off their ties.

University 35 (G. Hong Choy 11, A. J. Hulse 7 for 11, Bishop Sargent 3 for 20).

On Saturday last Prata saved Bishop Sargent's team from defeat against Recreio with an innings of 48 not out.

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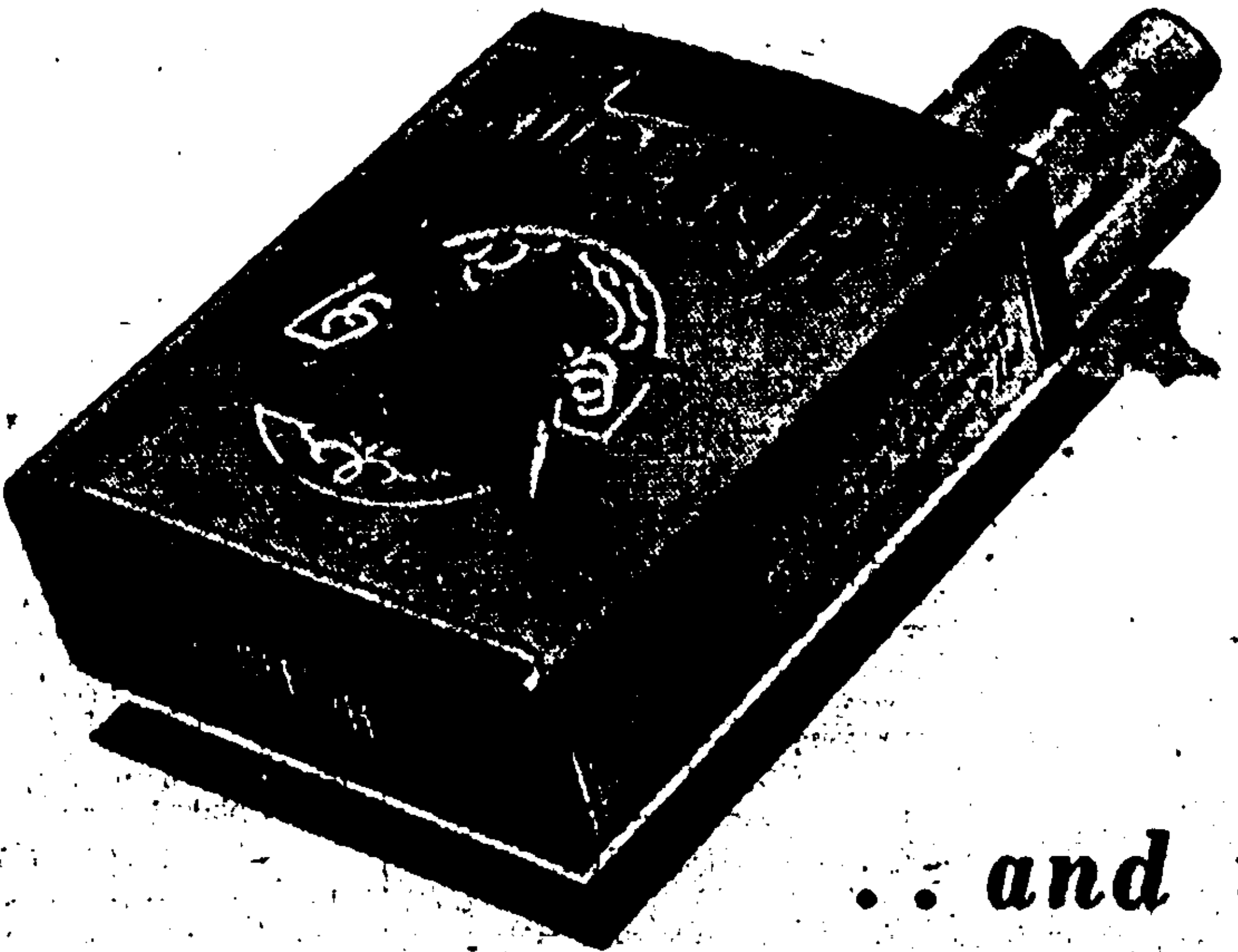
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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 2nd to FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE RUMANIAN PROBLEM IS ASSUMING THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE, AND A REPORT ON THE PETROL SITUATION IN RUMANIA IS EXPECTED HERE TO-DAY.

Prior to deciding on the policy to be adopted in Bucharest, Great Britain and France have entrusted experts with a thorough investigation of the matter.

The situation appears to be as follows:

German-Rumanian agreements provide for monthly deliveries of 120,000 tons of petrol to Germany.

These quantities have not been reaching Germany of late owing to transport difficulties and also to the fact that most of the Rumanian oil companies are financed by British and French capital and naturally hesitate to furnish the enemy with war supplies.

This situation resulted in German complaints.

In order to regularise the situation, the Rumanian Government decided to place the petrol companies under government control.

BRITISH PRESSURE

British pressure was brought to bear on companies with British and French capital in order that they would not supply the enemy.

The Rumanian Government replied to this by new measures, and the decision to control the oil companies was taken before any attempt of an

analysis of the situation by experts.

CHIEF ELEMENTS

Government circles in London emphasise that the following elements dominate the situation:

Firstly, cordial relations exist between Britain and France and Rumania;

Secondly, in order not to complicate Rumania's already difficult position Britain and France are not objecting to enforcement of the Rumano-German trade agreement, but insist strongly that the treaty quotas be not exceeded;

Thirdly, both the Allied countries are entirely free to exercise their right as belligerents to prevent by all means at their disposal even treaty deliveries of oil from reaching Germany.—Havas.

French Prepare For Attack On Maginot Line

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Chungking, To-day.

The British Embassy here to-day issued the following statement:

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Capetown, To-day.

The Premier, General Smuts, was frequently interrupted by the Opposition when he replied to the debate on the Emergency Powers Bill in the Assembly yesterday.

At times, the entire Opposition appeared to be shouting or talking.

General Smuts declared that anyone who thought the Government had acted because it feared an English rebellion, or acted under pressure of the English section, was living in a dream world.

Mr. Madely, the Minister of Labour, said he was horrified at the mere idea of South Africa making a separate peace.

The first reading of the Bill was carried.—Reuter.

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Danish Ministry of Defence announces a new building programme including two mine-sweepers, two torpedo-boats, one submarine and smaller vessels.

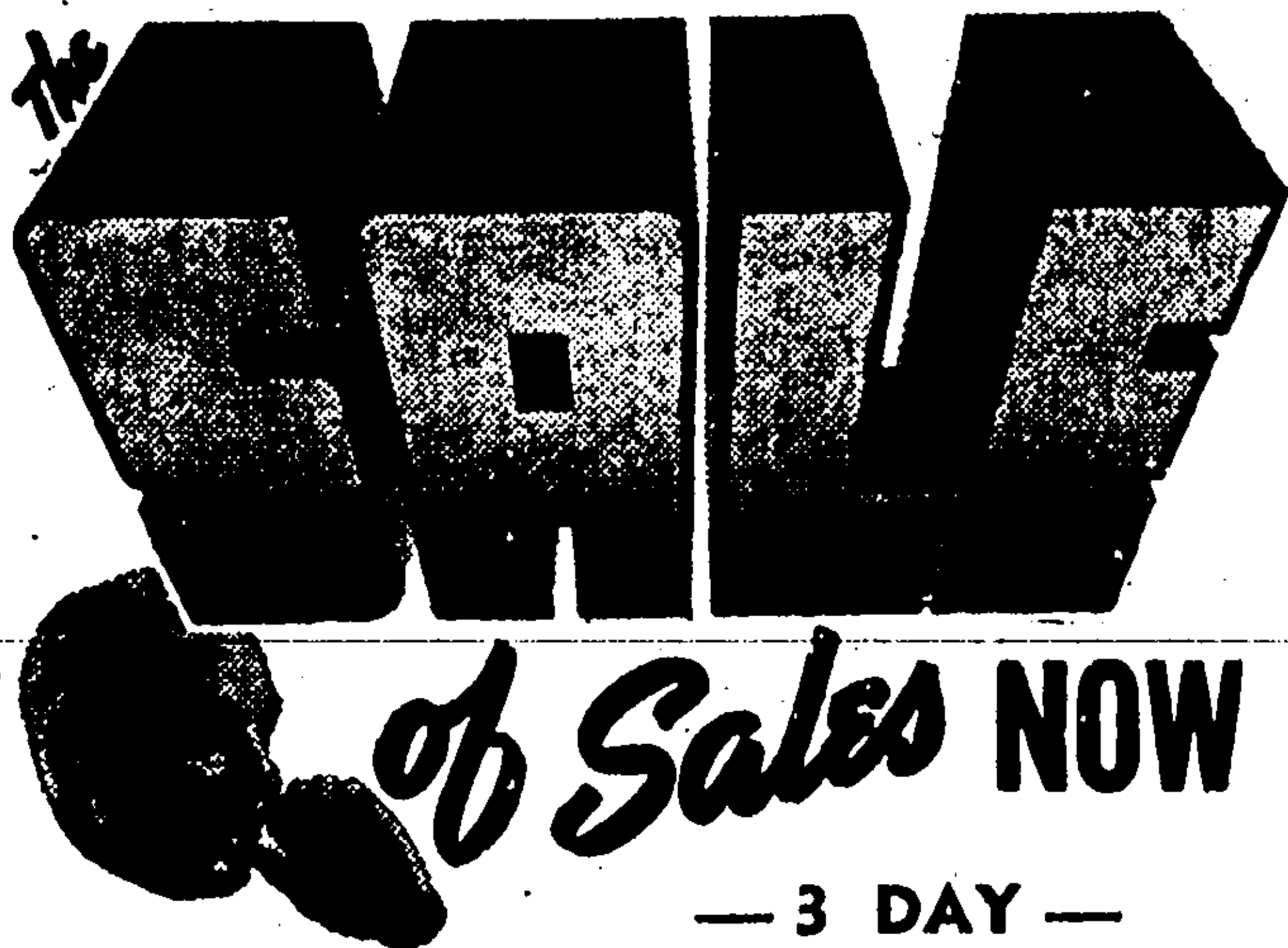
The fleet air arm is to be strengthened and 100 anti-aircraft guns will be acquired.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Fifteen survivors of the British steamer Royal Crown were landed yesterday after seeing seven of their comrades washed from the lifeboat and drowned.

Another lifeboat with the remainder of the crew capsized.

The Royal Crown is high and dry on the beach. Police boarded the vessel and removed the mutilated bodies of four of the crew, killed when a Nazi plane attacked the vessel, machine-gunning the decks and dropping an incendiary bomb amidships.—Reuter.



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The French patrols, who were covered by a creeping artillery barrage, penetrated deep into the German lines, well behind the normal positions of the Nazi outposts.—Reuter.

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